The Sicilian Defense
Early Queen Attack

Chess Notes 2025

1 **B20**
□ **Yarebore** **3011**
■ **Samidescalona2002** **2715**
Blitz 22.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

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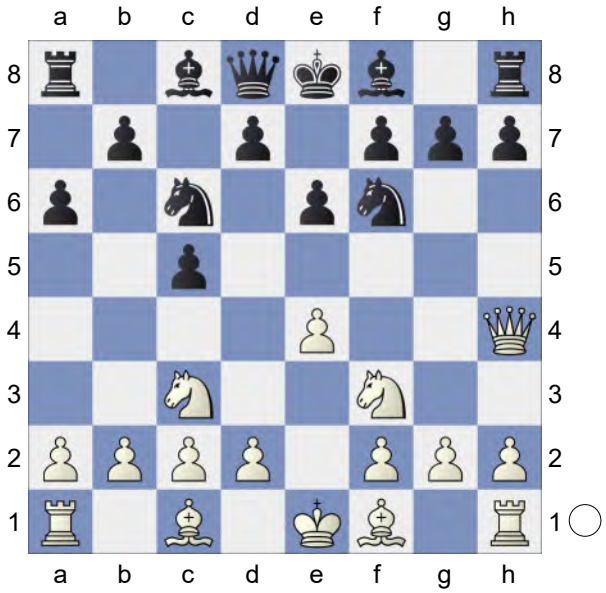
3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

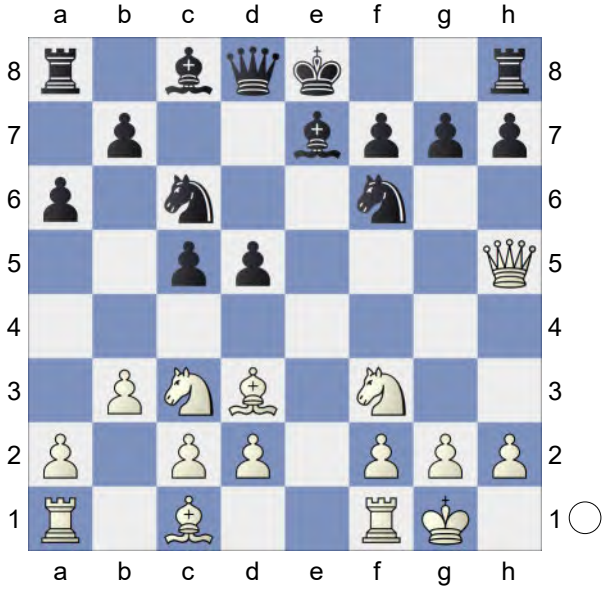
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6 5.Nf3 a6



6.Bd3 -1.41/18

[Better is 6.e5∓ -0.36/20 Ng8 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8 8.d3]

6...d5∓ 7.exd5 exd5 8.0-0 Black is clearly better. **8...Be7 9.b3 Ne4 10.Qh5 Nf6**



11.Qh4

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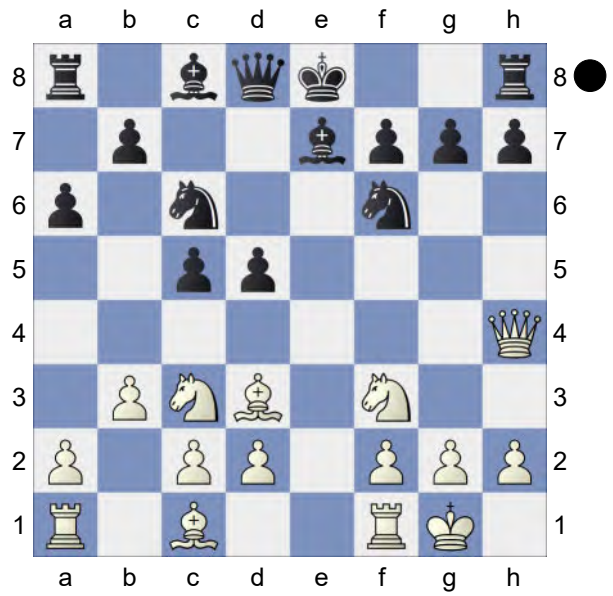
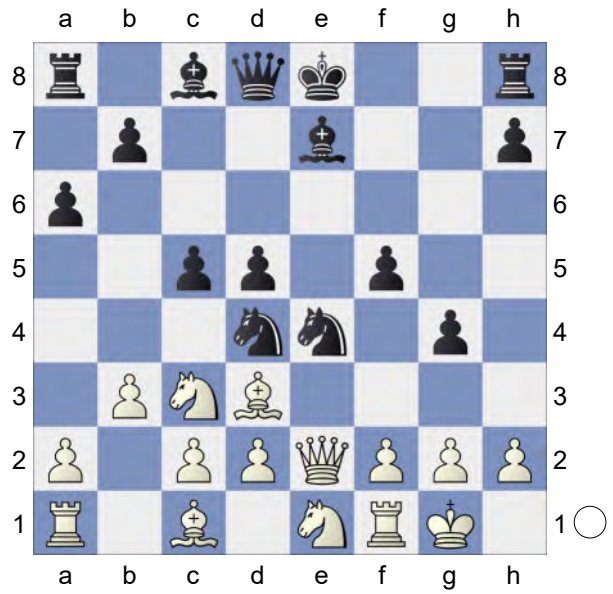
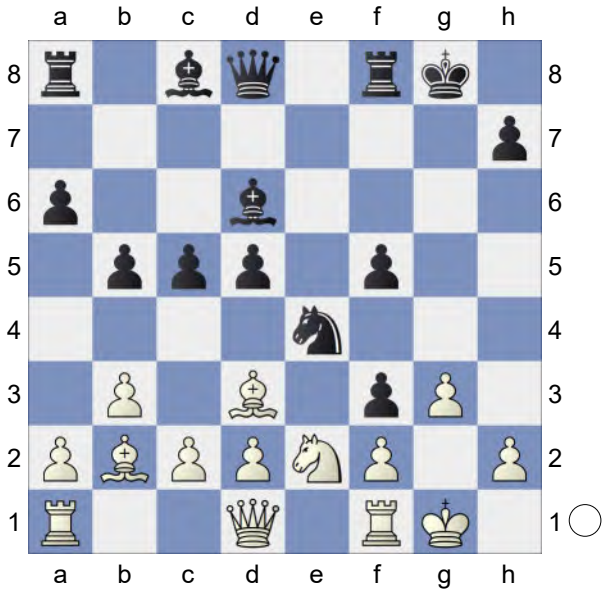


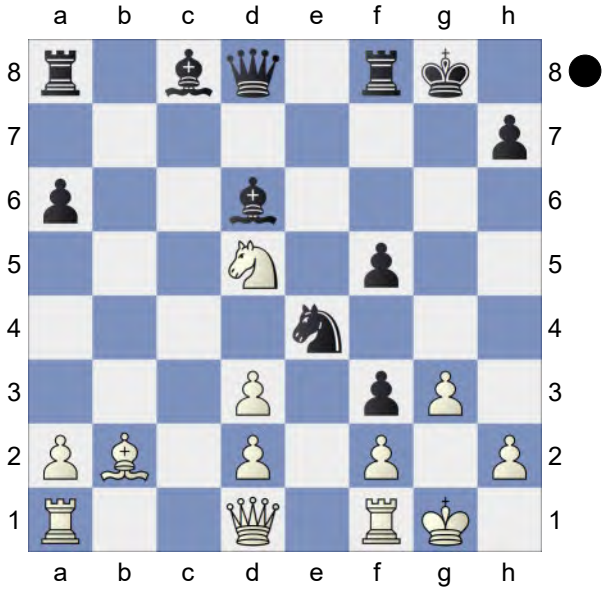
Ne4? 0.00/20 **12.Qf4?** -1.81/19
[12.Qh5= 0.00/20]
12...g5 13.Qe3 f5 14.Qe2 g4 15.Ne1 Nd4



16.Qd1 Bd6 17.Bb2 -1.78/19
[17.f4∓ -1.12/19]
17...0-0 18.g3 -2.20/19
[18.f4∓ -1.44/20]
18...b5 -0.97/16
[18...Ng5-+ -2.20/19 is more deadly. 19.Kh1 b5 *(19...f4 20.Nxd5 fxg3 21.fxg3∓)*]
19.Ne2 -2.38/19
[19.Nxd5∓ -0.97/16 Ng5 20.f4 Nh3+ 21.Kh1]
19...Nf3+-+ 20.Nxf3 gxf3



21.Nc3 c4 22.bxc4 -2.30/15
[22.Bxe4∓ -1.41/19 was called for. fxe4 *(22...dxe4 23.d3∓)* 23.Nxd5]
22...bxc4 23.Nxd5 cxd3 24.cxd3



Bxg3? 0.06/24 **25.hxg3= Qxd5**

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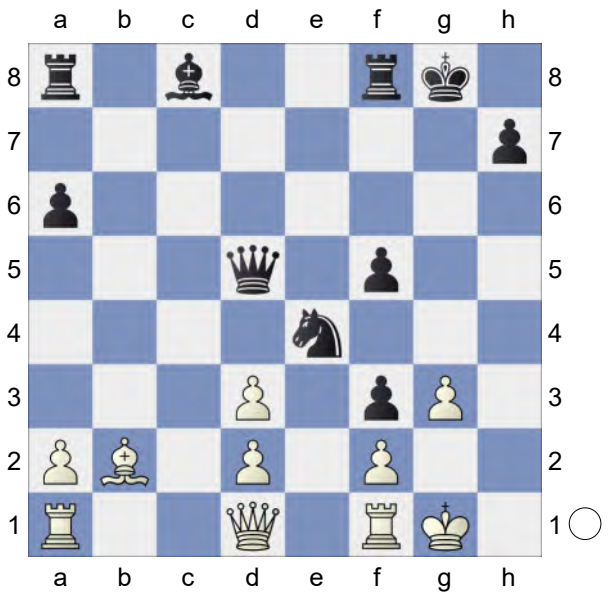

26.dxe4 fxe4 27.Qc2 Qc3 is the strong threat. **27...Qh5?** 2.65/21
[27...Rb8!= 0.00/19 and Black stays safe. 28.Rfb1 *(28.Qc3? Rxb2 29.Rfe1 Rxd2-+)* 28...Rb6]
28.Qc3→ White wants a kill.
[Not 28.Qxe4 Qh3 29.Qd5+ *(29.Qxa8? Qg2#)* 29...Be6 30.Qg5+ Kf7 31.Qf6+ Ke8∓]
28...Kf7 5.05/20
[28...Qh6 2.11/19 29.Rfc1 Ra7]
29.Rae1 Qf6+ would kill now. **29...Bf5** 17.50/19
[⌓29...Qg6 4.19/15 30.Qc7+ Kg8 31.Rxe4 Rb8]
30.Qg7+ 7.65/19
[⌓30.Qf6+ 17.50/19 Ke8 31.Qe5+ Kf7 32.Rxe4 Pin]
30...Ke8

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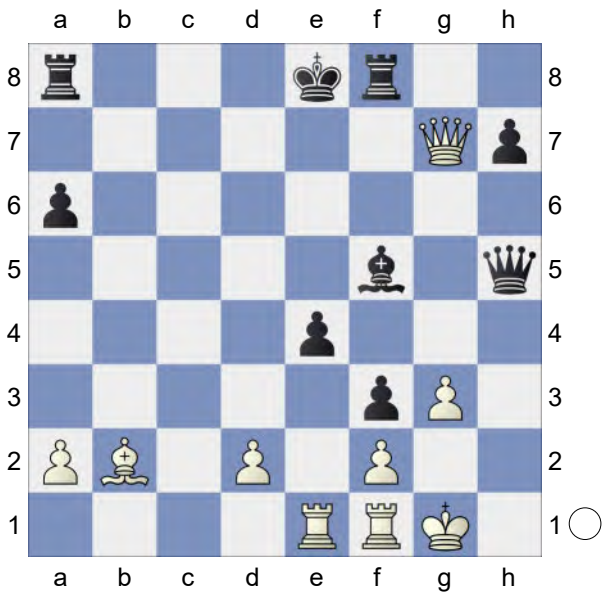
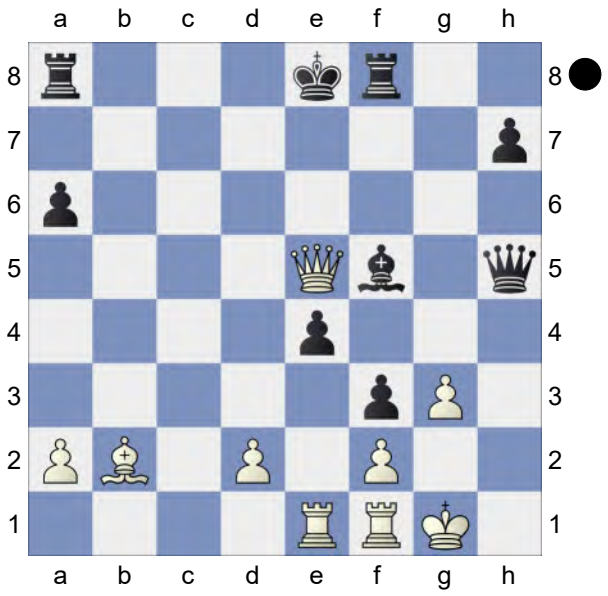


Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=1.01
31.Qe5+



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■ **Maxfu** **2615**
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4...Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7 -0.04/17
[5...Qc7∓ -0.69/19]

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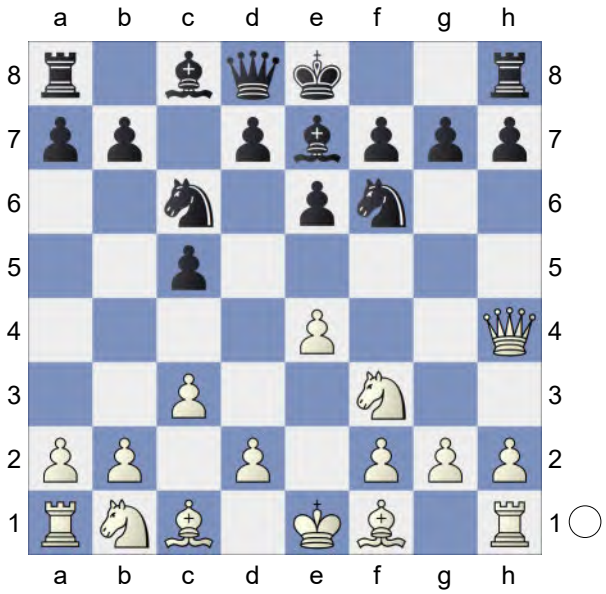
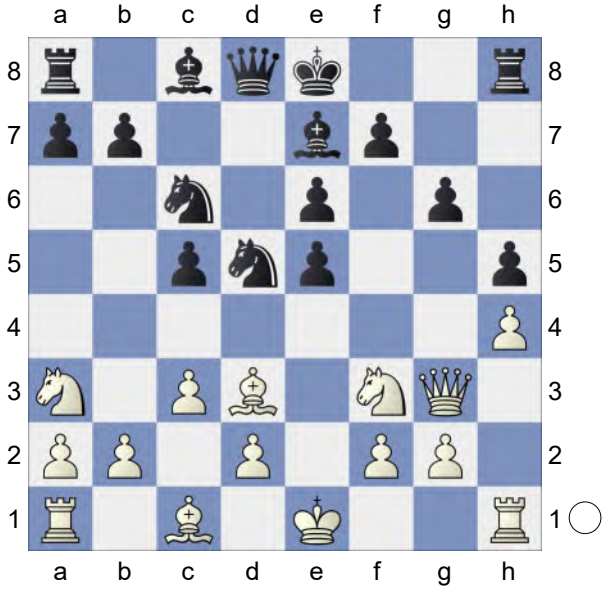
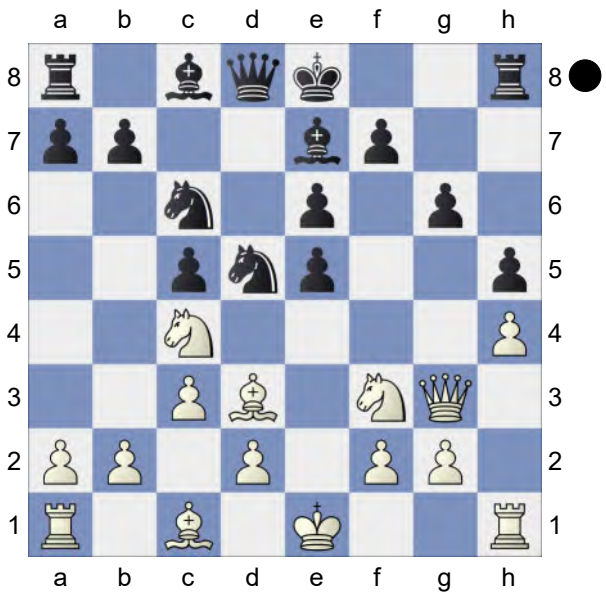


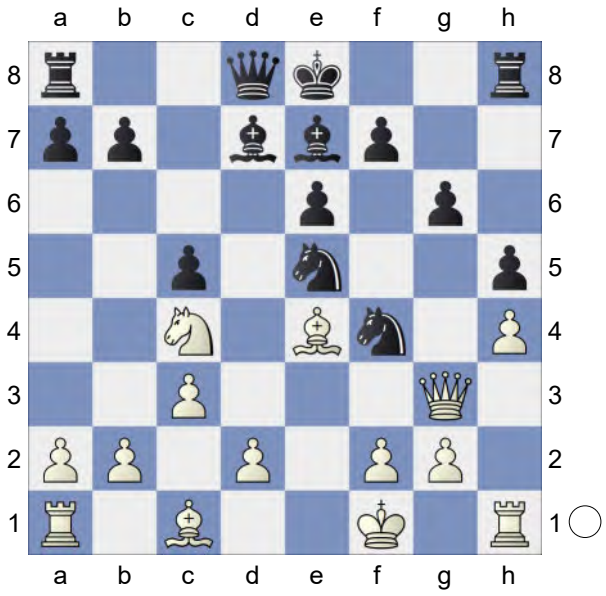
6.e5= Nd5 7.Qg3 g6 0.36/18
[7...0-0!= -0.21/18]
8.h4 -0.36/17
[8.Be2!± 0.36/18]
8...h5 0.55/22
[8...d6∓ -0.36/17]
9.Bd3 -0.51/20
[9.Na3± 0.55/22]
9...d6∓ 10.Na3 dxe5



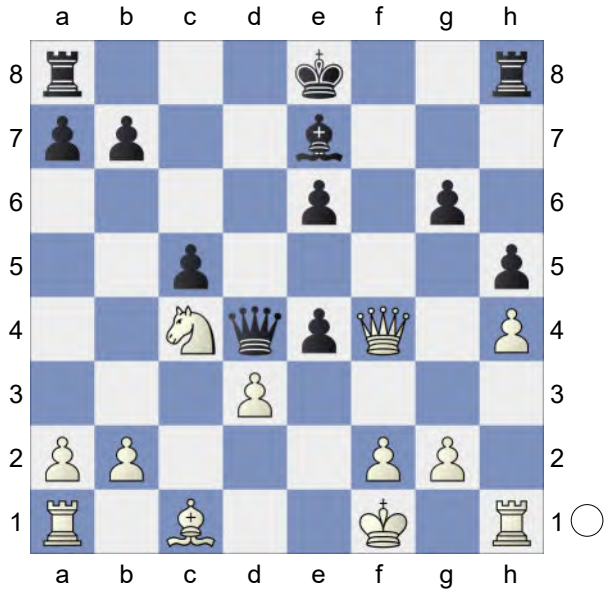
and ...Nxc3! would now be decisive
11.Nc4 -0.84/19
[White should try 11.Be4∓ -0.31/18]



11...Nf4 0.36/20
[11...f6!∓ -0.84/19]
12.Be4± Nd3+ 13.Ke2 Nf4+ 0.57/20
[13...Nxc1+!= 0.00/20 14.Raxc1 Bd7]
14.Kf1! Black is on the road to losing.
14...Bd7? 3.32/23
[14...Nd3!= 0.24/18 and Black is okay.]
15.Nfxe5+- Nxe5



16.Nxe5 Bb5+ 17.c4 Qd4 18.Qxf4 Bxc4+ 19.d3 f5 20.Nxc4
[Weaker is 20.Nxg6 fxe4 21.Nxh8 *(21.dxc4? Qd1#)* 21...Bxd3+ 22.Kg1 Qxh8+-]
20...fxe4



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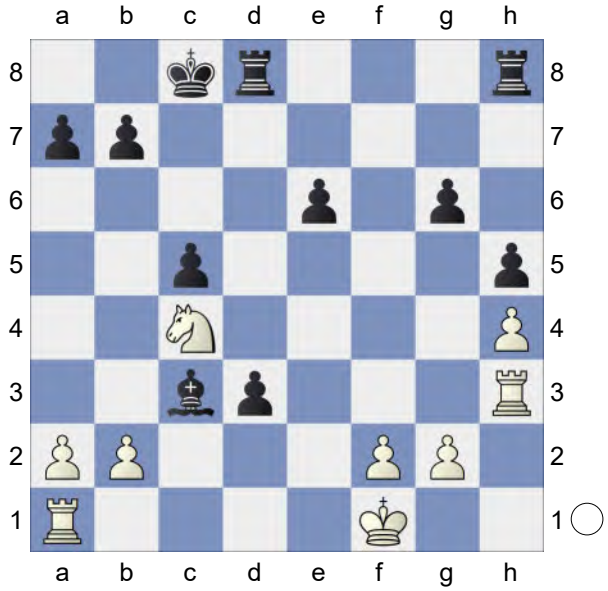

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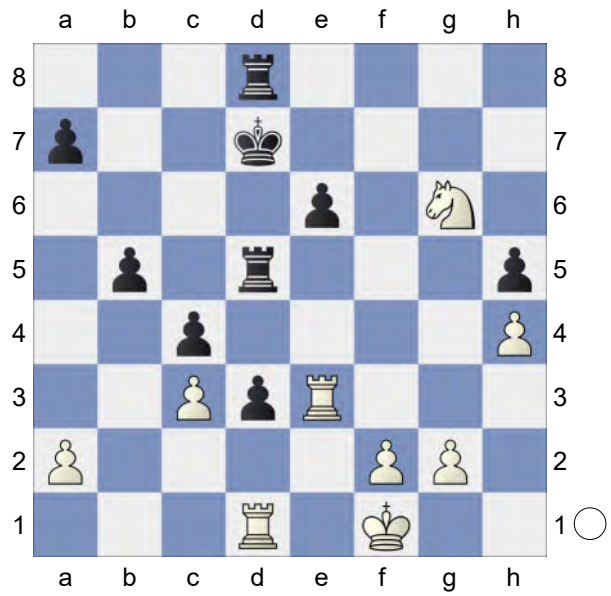
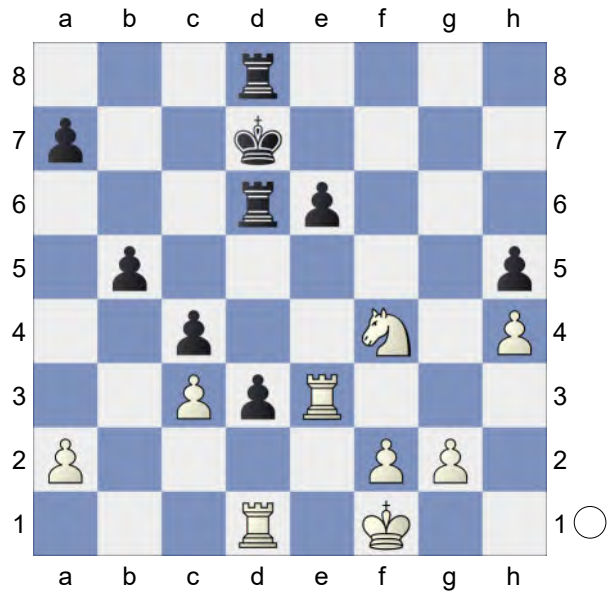


31.Nf4 Deflection, Double Attack
31...Rd6



32.Nxd3? 0.26/23 **cxd3??** 6.09/23
[32...Ke7= 0.26/23]
33.Rexd3 White is clearly winning.
33...Kc6 34.Rxd6+ Rxd6 35.Rxd6+ Kxd6

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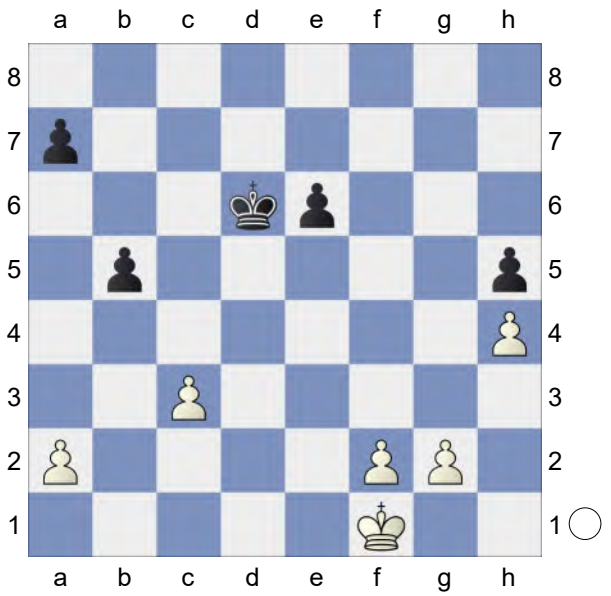

36.f3 Kd5
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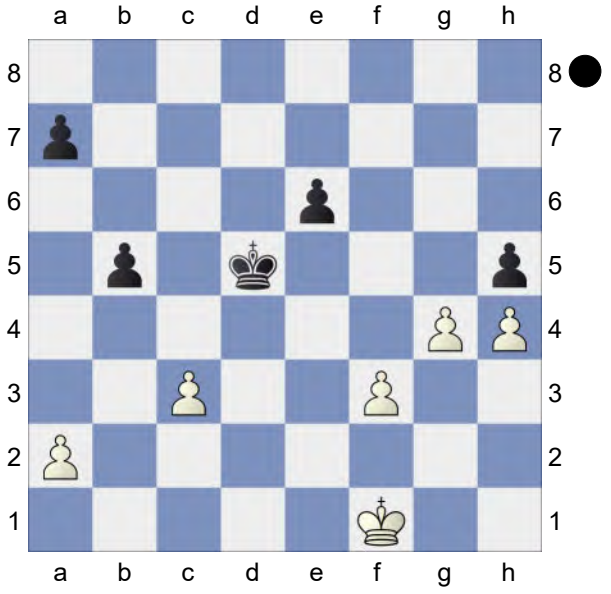
37.g4



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3 **B20**
□ **Wafwhij02** **2946**
■ **Sakali** **2761**
Blitz 27.08.2024
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[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
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5...Nxc3N
[5...Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]

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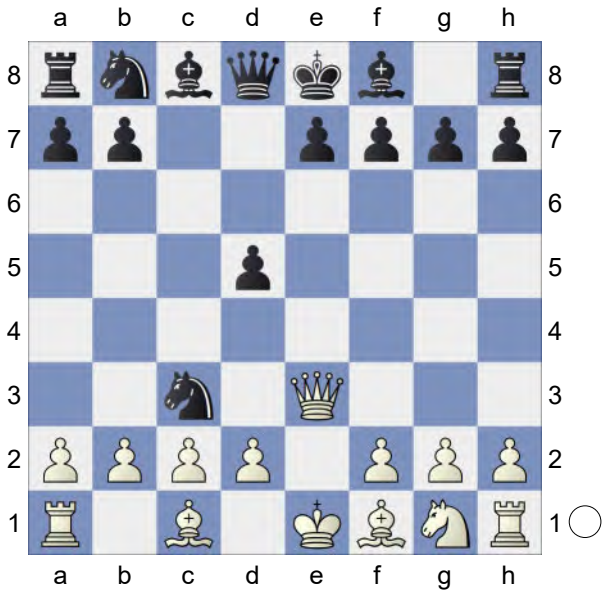
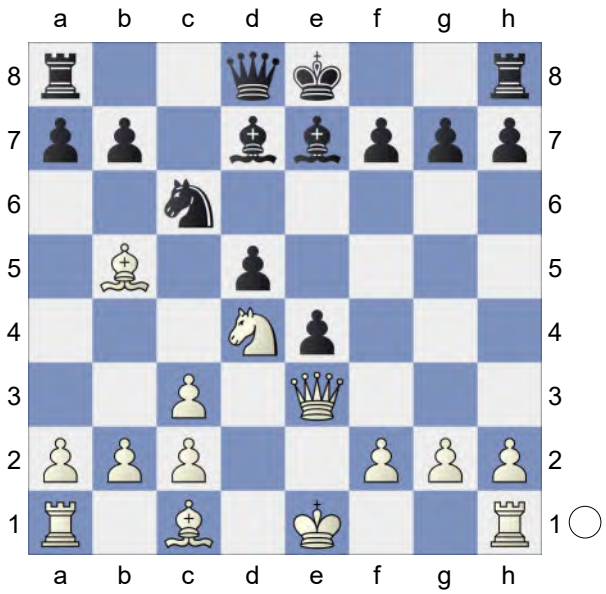
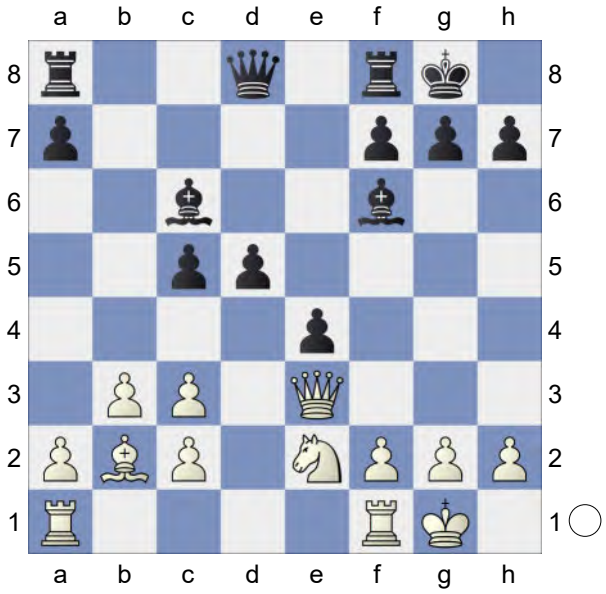


6.dxc3 Nc6 7.Bd3 -0.68/21
[7.Bd2 -0.32/22 might be stronger.]
7...e5∓ 8.Nf3 Black is better. **8...e4 9.Nd4 Be7 10.Bb5 Bd7**

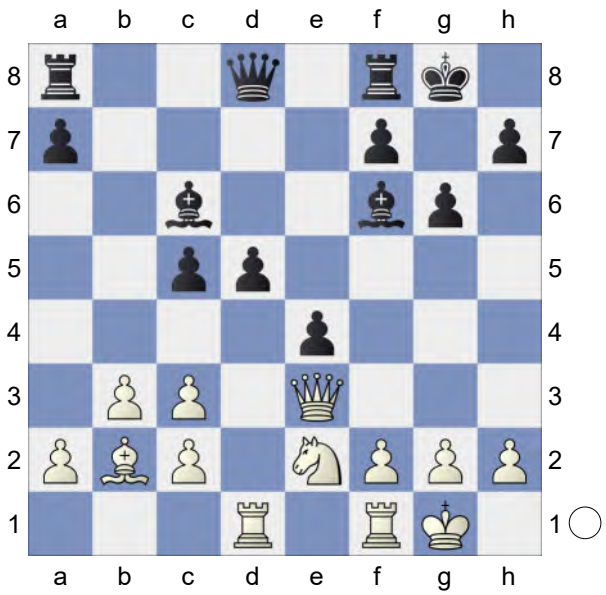


11.0-0 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.b3 -1.57/18
[White should play 13.c4 -0.77/17]
13...c5 -1.11/17
[⌓13...Qc7 -1.57/18 14.Rb1 Bd6]
14.Ne2∓ Bc6 15.Bb2 -1.62/19
[15.a4∓ -1.02/17]
15...Bf6? 0.30/18
[15...Qc7-+ -1.62/19 And now ...Bd6

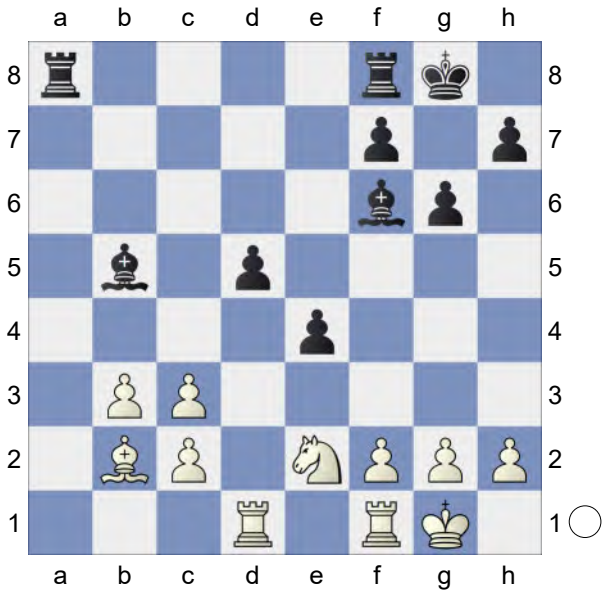
would win. 16.f4 Rfe8]



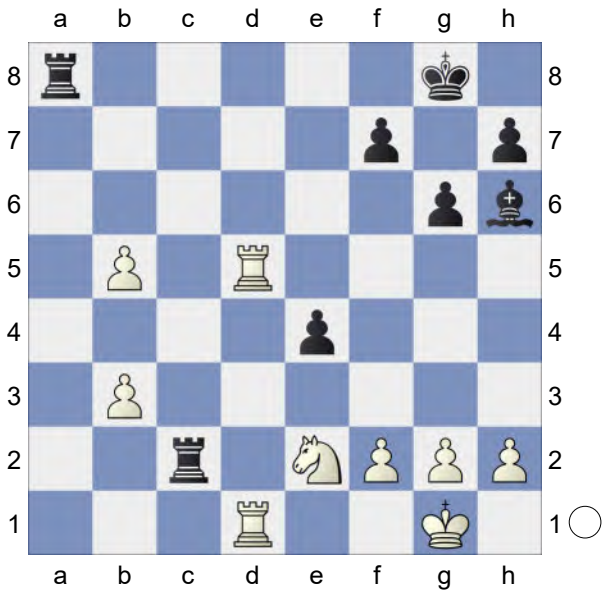
16.Rad1 -1.02/20
[16.Qxc5= 0.30/18 Qd7 17.Ng3]
16...g6? 1.08/20
[16...Qa5∓ -1.02/20 and life is bright.
17.h3 Rfd8 *(17...Qxa2 18.Rb1∓)*]



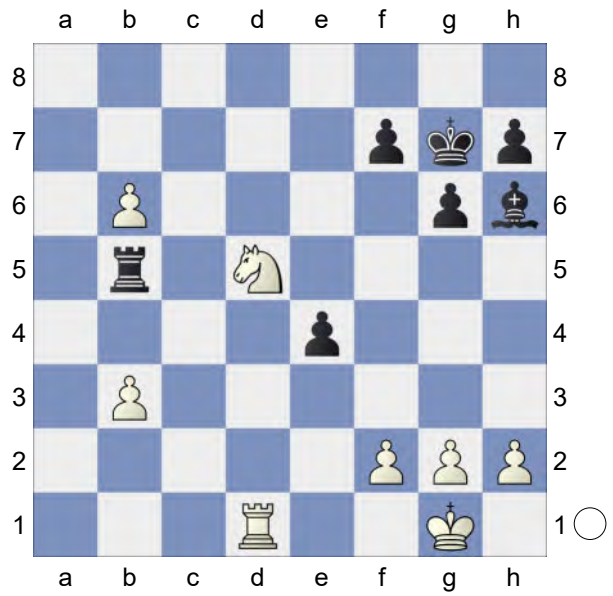
17.Qxc5 0.51/17
[17.Ba3!± 1.08/20]
17...Qb6± 18.Qxb6 0.17/17
[18.Qe3!± 0.57/20]
18...axb6= 19.a4 b5 20.axb5 Bxb5



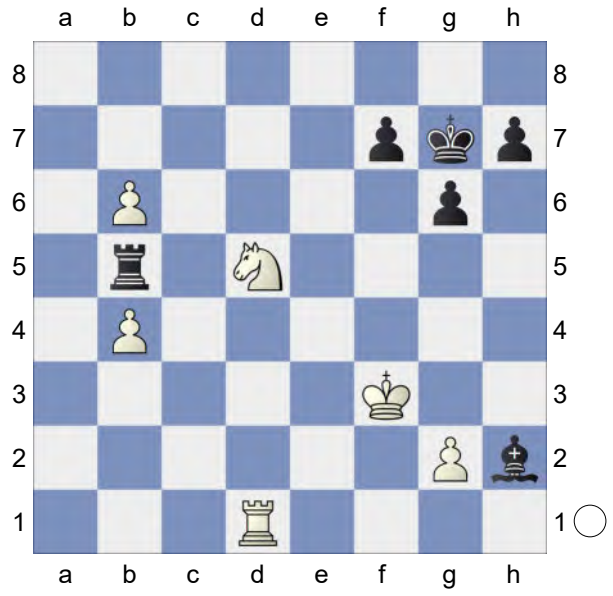
A strong pair of Bishops. **21.c4!** Discovered Attack **21...Bxb2 22.cxb5 Rfc8 23.Rd2 Bg7 24.Rfd1 Bh6 25.Rxd5 Rxc2**



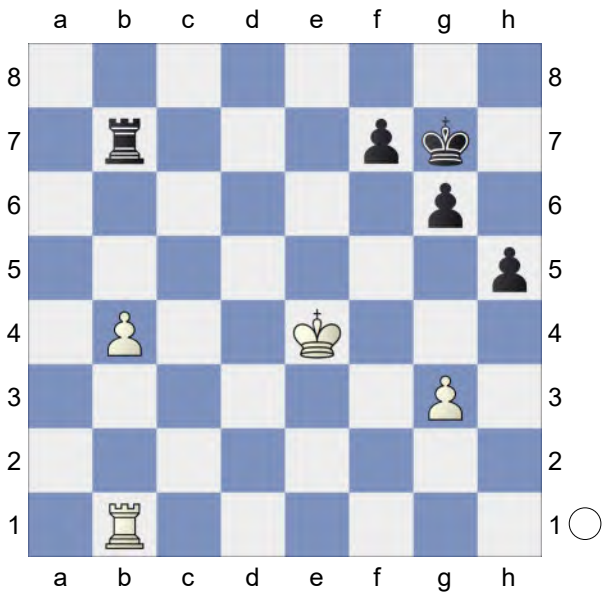
26.Nd4
[26.b6!? Rxe2 27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7 29.g3=]
26...Rd2 27.Nc6! Rxd5 0.91/16
[27...Rb2= -0.05/21]
28.Ne7+± Kg7 29.Nxd5 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up.
[29.Rxd5? Ra1+]
29...Ra5 30.b6 Rb5



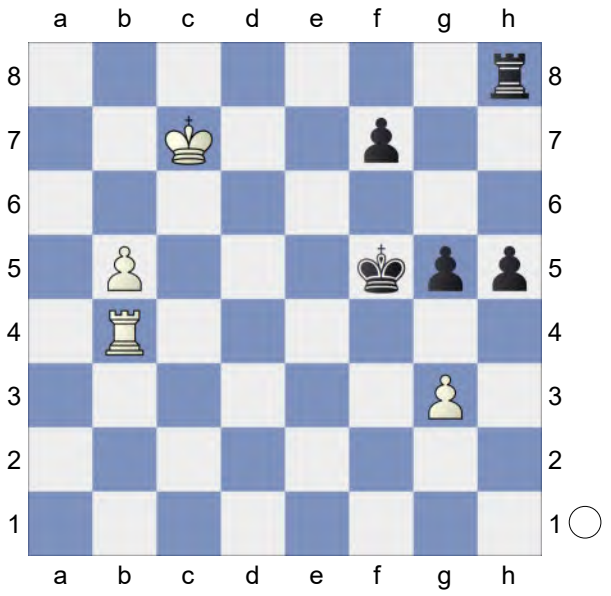
31.b4 Bg5 32.Kf1 Bf6 1.47/20
[⌓32...f5 0.79/21]
33.Ke2 Be5 34.f3 exf3+ 35.Kxf3 Bxh2? 4.61/21
[35...f5!± 0.52/18]



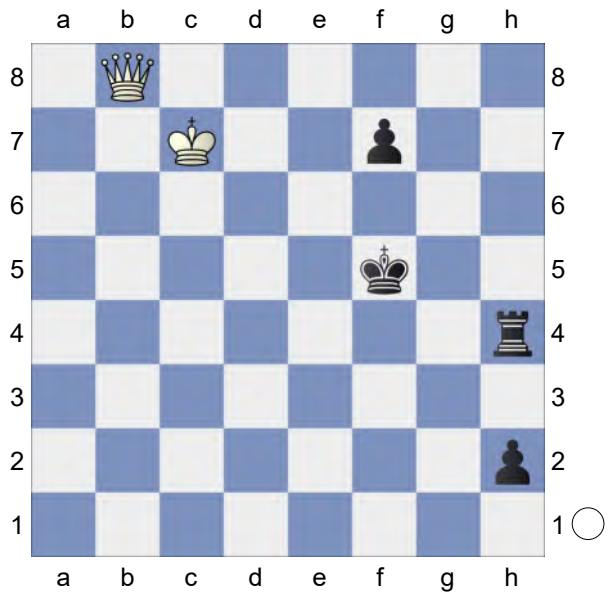
36.g3? -0.01/25
[36.Ke4+- 4.61/21 Bg3 37.Kd4 Bf2+ 38.Kc4 Rxb6 39.Nxb6 Bxb6 40.b5]
36...Bg1= Deflection **37.Rxg1 Rxd5** KR-KR **38.Rb1 Rb5 39.Ke4 h5**
[39...Rxb6 40.b5±]
40.b7 Rxb7



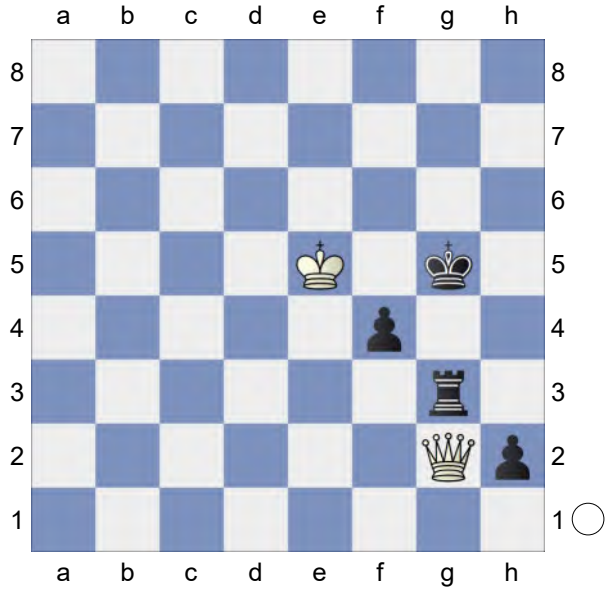
41.b5 Kf6 42.Kd5 Kf5 43.Rb4 g5 Prevents Rf4+. **44.Kc6 Rb8 45.Kc7 Rh8**



46.b6 h4 47.gxh4 gxh4 48.b7 h3 49.Rh4 Deflection **49...Rxh4 50.b8Q** Dodges Rb4. KQ-KR
[50.b8B h2 51.Ba7 Rc4+ *(51...h1R? 52.Kd7-+; 51...h1Q* gets mated. *52.Bc5 Rc4 53.Kb6 Qb1+* Deflection *54.Kc7 Rxc5+ 55.Kd6 Qb6+ 56.Ke7 Rc8 57.Kxf7 Qf6#)*]
50...h2



51.Qb1+ Kg5 52.Qh1 f5 53.Kd6 f4 54.Ke5 And now Qg2+ would win.
54...Rh3? 4.12/31
[54...f3!= 0.05/25 and Black is okay.]
55.Qg2++- Rg3



56.Qxh2 Re3+ 57.Kd4 Rg3 58.Qh8 Re3 59.Qg7+ Kf5 60.Qh7+ Kg5

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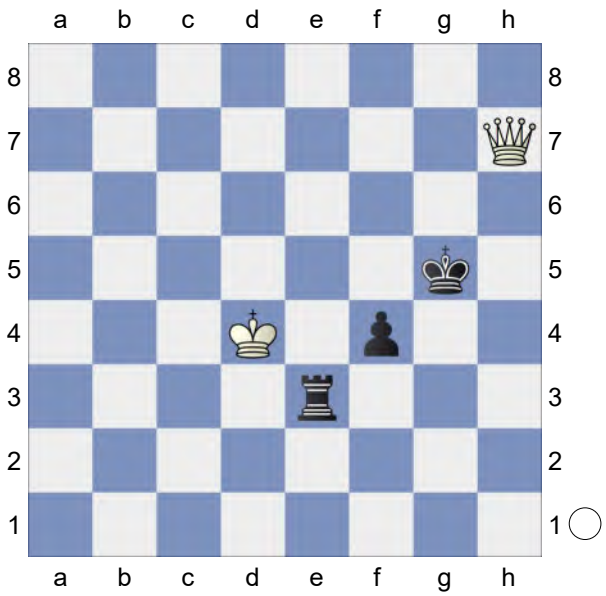
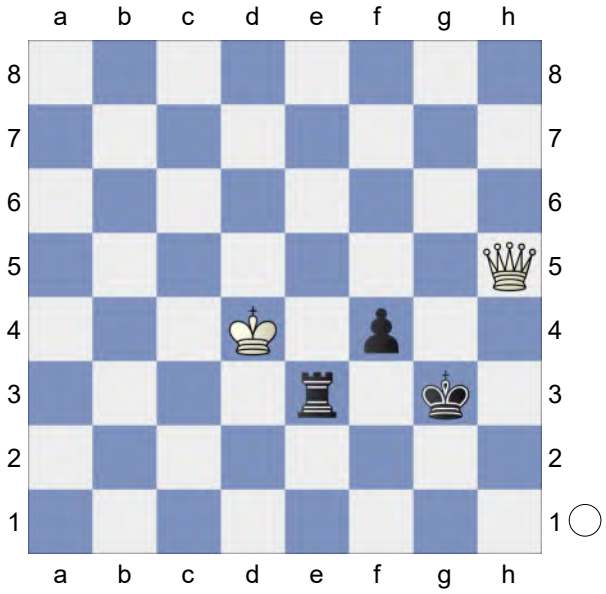


61.Qf7 Kg4 62.Qg6+ Kf3 63.Qh5+ Kg3 64.Qg5+ Kf3 65.Qh5+ Kg3



66.Qg5+ Kf3
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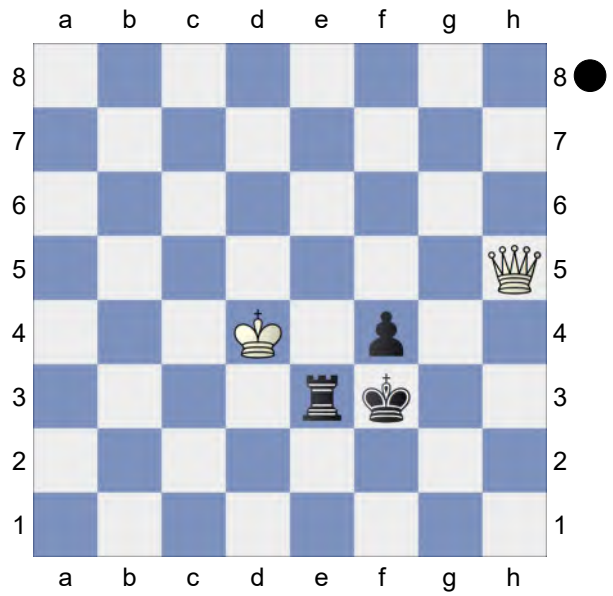
67.Qh5+? 0.00/68
[67.Qh4+- 3.31/28]

(Diagram)



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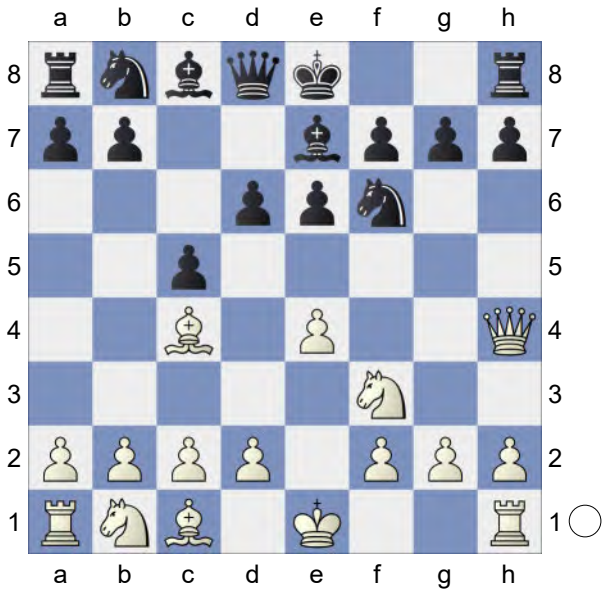
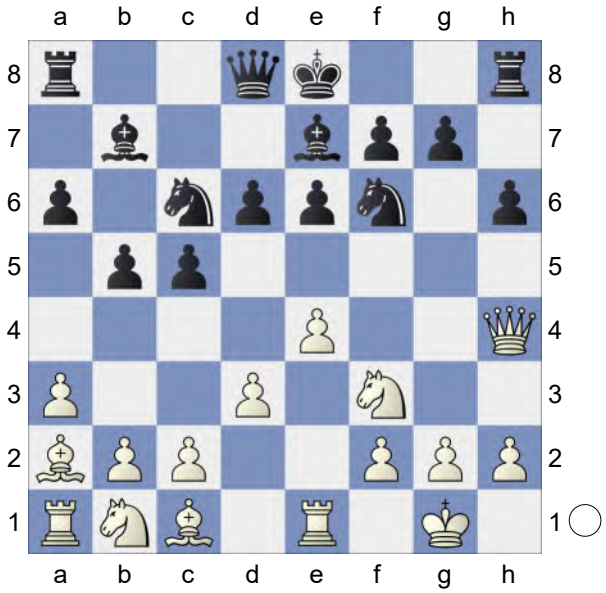
4 **B20**
□ **Yarebore** **2893**
■ **Pobimrbr** **2622**
Blitz 10.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

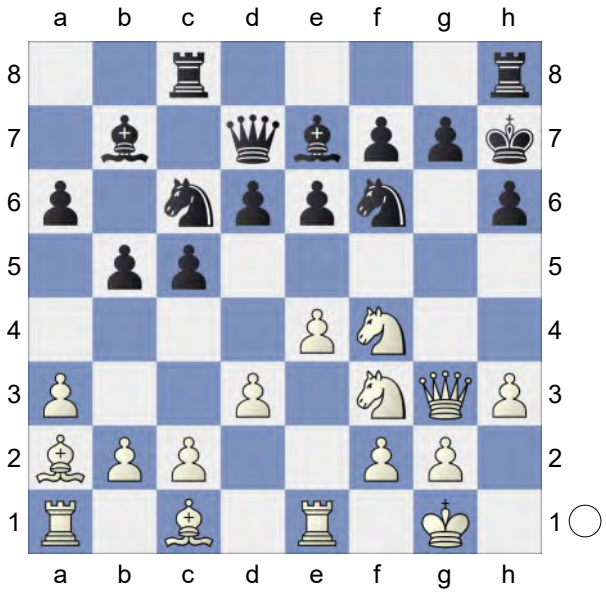
3.Bc4 e6 4.Nf3N
[4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
4...Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7



6.0-0 Nc6 Dodges d4 **7.d3 a6 8.a3** Black is better. **8...b5 9.Ba2 Bb7 10.Re1** -1.38/20
[⌓10.Qh3 -0.88/23]
10...h6∓

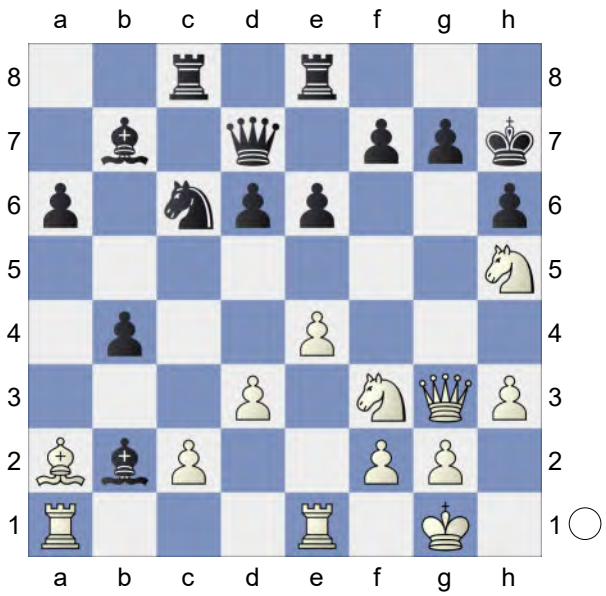


11.Qg3 Kf8 -0.40/22
[11...Rg8∓ -1.49/22 12.h3 g5]
12.Nc3 Rc8 13.h3 Kg8 14.Ne2 Kh7
15.Nf4 -0.52/21
[15.c3= -0.16/21]
15...Qd7 -0.03/19
[15...c4∓ -0.52/21]

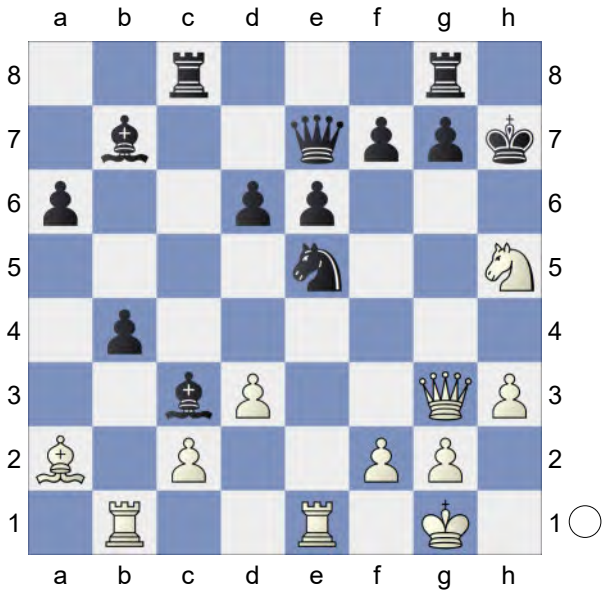


16.Bd2 -0.44/19
[16.c3!= -0.03/19 feels stronger.]
16...Rhe8 -0.01/22
[16...g5∓ -0.44/19 17.Ne2 c4]
17.Bc3 -0.43/19
[17.Rad1= -0.01/22]
17...b4 0.07/20
[17...Bd8!∓ -0.43/19]
18.axb4= cxb4 19.Bxf6 -0.65/23
[19.Bd2= 0.00/21]
19...Bxf6∓ Black continues to play with concentration. **20.Nh5** -1.45/20
[20.Reb1!∓ -0.65/22]
20...Bxb2∓

(Diagram)

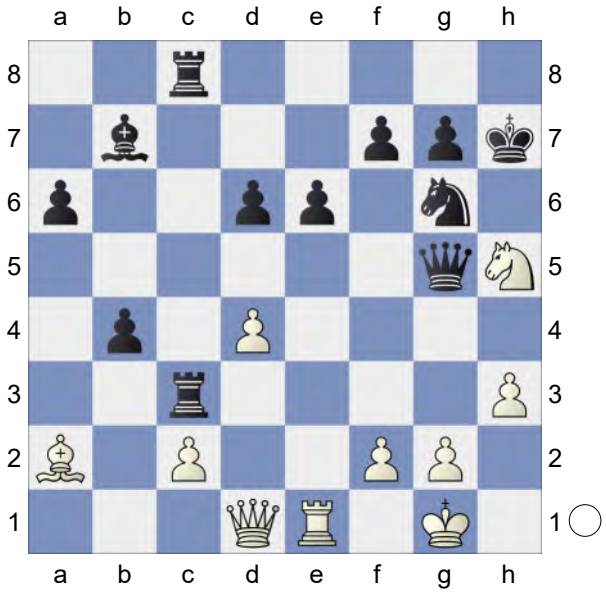


This pair of bishops is nice. **21.Rab1 Bc3 22.e5** -3.19/23
[22.d4 -1.97/19 was called for. f6 *(22...Nxd4 23.Qxg7#; 22...Rg8? 23.Red1-+)* 23.Red1]
22...Rg8-+
[22...dxe5 23.Qxg7#]
23.Ng5+ hxg5 24.Qxg5 Qe7
[24...Nxe5 25.d4 Bxe1 *(25...Bxd4? 26.Rxb4 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2-+)* 26.Rxe1]
25.Qg3 Nxe5

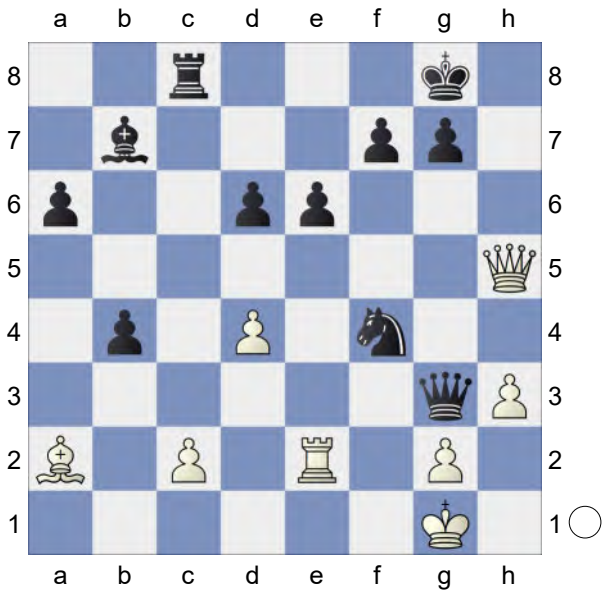


26.d4 Ng6 27.Qd3 -6.84/16
[⌓27.Re2 -4.85/17]

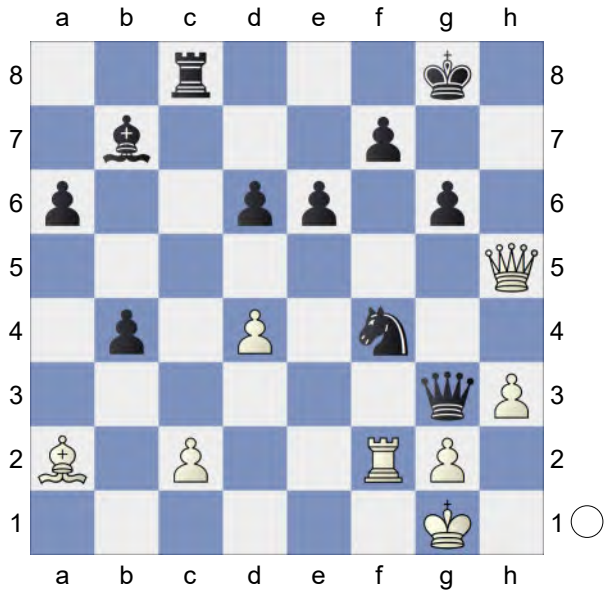
27...Bxe1 28.Rxe1 Rc3 29.Qd2 Rgc8 30.Qd1 Qg5



31.Ng3 Rxg3 32.fxg3 Qxg3 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Re2 Nf4



(-> ...Bxg2!) **35.Rf2 g6** -8.01/20
[⌓35...Bxg2 -#9/15 36.Bd5 Bxd5+ *(36...Nxh5 37.Bxg2 Nf4 38.Kf1 Qe3 39.Rd2 Qxd2 40.Be4 Rxc2* Decoy *41.Bxc2 Qg2+ 42.Ke1 Qe2#)* 37.Kf1 Nxh5 38.Rd2 Bc4+ *(38...Qxh3+ 39.Ke1 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Qg2+ 41.Ke3 Qf3#)* 39.Rd3 Bxd3+ 40.cxd3 Qh2 41.Ke1 Rc1#]

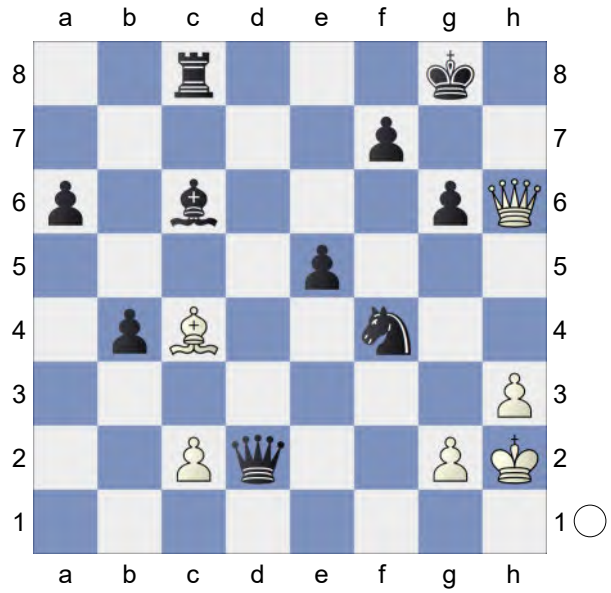


36.Qh6 e5 -12.20/19
[⌓36...Nxg2 -#12/19 37.Qd2 Ne3+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(37...Qxh3? 38.Qxb4 Be4 39.d5-+)* 38.Rg2 Bxg2 *(38...Qxg2+? 39.Qxg2 Bxg2 40.Bb3-+)* 39.Qf2 Qxh3 *(39...Bxh3+? 40.Qxg3 Nf5 41.Qxh3-+; 39...Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2 Rxc2+ 41.Kxe3 Rxa2 42.Kd3 b3 43.h4 b2 44.Kc2 Be4+ 45.Kd2 b1Q+ 46.Ke3 Ra3+ 47.Kf4 Qc1+ 48.Kxe4 f5#)* 40.Qe2 Bf3 *(40...Rxc2 41.Qxc2 Nxc2 42.Bc4 Qg3 43.Be2 Bh3+ 44.Kh1 Qg2#; 40...Qh1+ 41.Kf2)* 41.Kf2 Ng4+ *(41...Bxe2 42.Kxe2 Qg2+* Skewer *43.Ke1 Rxc2 44.Bb3 Qh1#; 41...Qg2+ 42.Kxe3 Qxe2+ 43.Kf4 Qh2+ 44.Kg5 Qg3+ 45.Kh6 Qh4#)* 42.Ke1 Bxe2 43.Kd2 Qf1 44.d5 Qd1#]

37.dxe5 dxe5 38.Rd2 Bc6 -17.91/20
[⌓38...Qe1+ -#11/17 39.Kh2 Qxd2 40.Bxf7+ Decoy Kxf7 41.Qh7+ Kf6 *(41...Ke6* is a self mate. *42.Qxb7 Rxc2 43.Qxa6+ Kf5 44.Qb7 Qxg2+ 45.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 46.Kh1 b3 47.h4 b2 48.h5 b1Q#)* 42.Qxb7 Rxc2

(42...Qxc2? 43.Qxa6+ Rc6 44.Qf1-+; 42...Qxg2+ 43.Qxg2 Nxg2 44.Kxg2 Rxc2+ 45.Kf3 b3 46.h4 b2 47.h5 b1Q 48.Kg4 Qg1+ 49.Kf3 Qg2+ 50.Ke3 Qe2#) 43.Qxa6+ Kf5 44.Qb7 Qxg2+ 45.Qxg2 Rxg2+ 46.Kh1 b3 47.h4 b2 48.h5 b1Q#]

39.Bc4 Qe1+ Black mates. **40.Kh2 Qxd2**



41.Bf1

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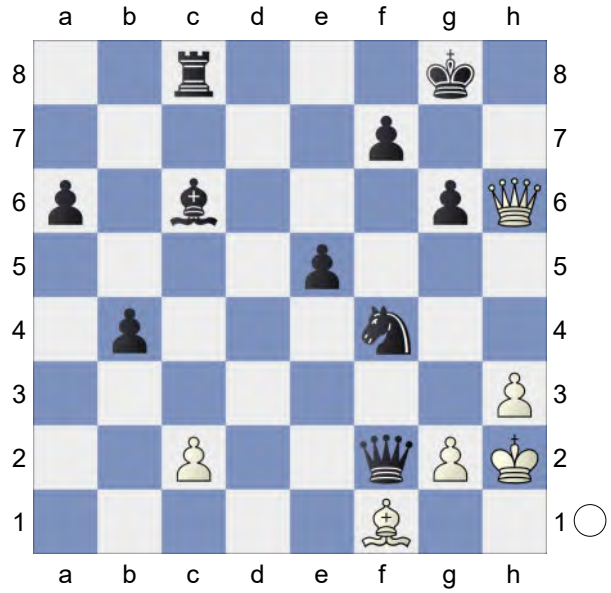
41...Qf2



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5 **B20**

□ **Nindja64** **2866**

■ **Bernetta92** **2798**

Blitz 29.11.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

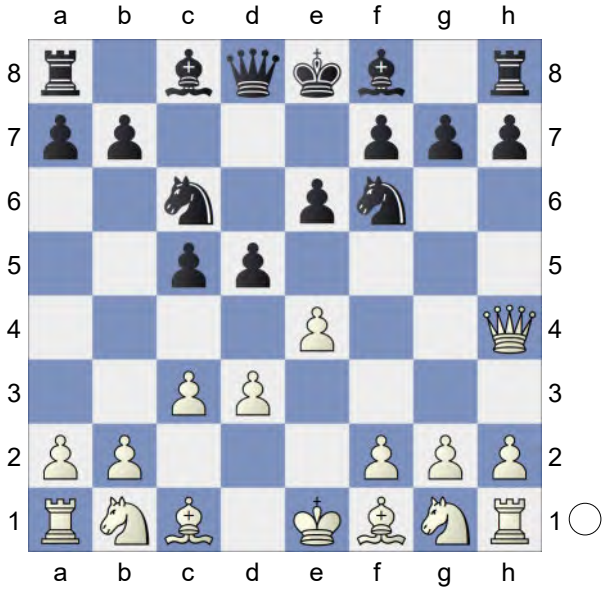
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.d3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6

8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

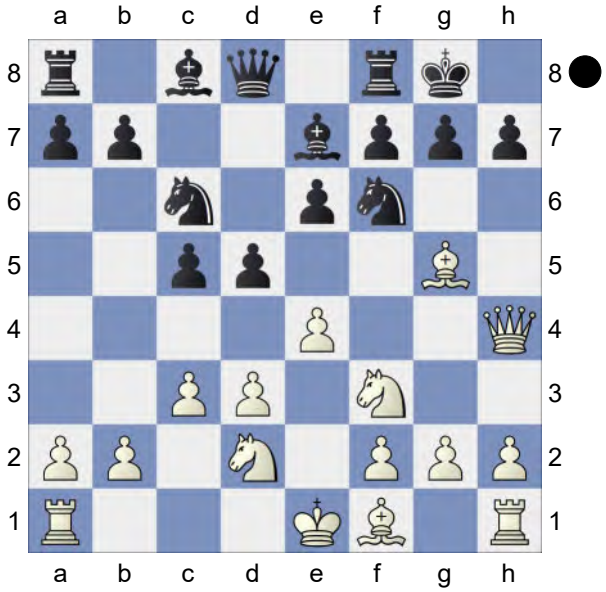
3...Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qh4 d5



6.Bg5 -1.48/21

[⩲6.Nf3 -0.88/17]

6...Be7 7.Nd2 0-0 8.Ngf3



Black is better. **8...h6! 9.0-0-0?** -3.10/19 **hxg5-+ 10.Nxg5 Ne5**

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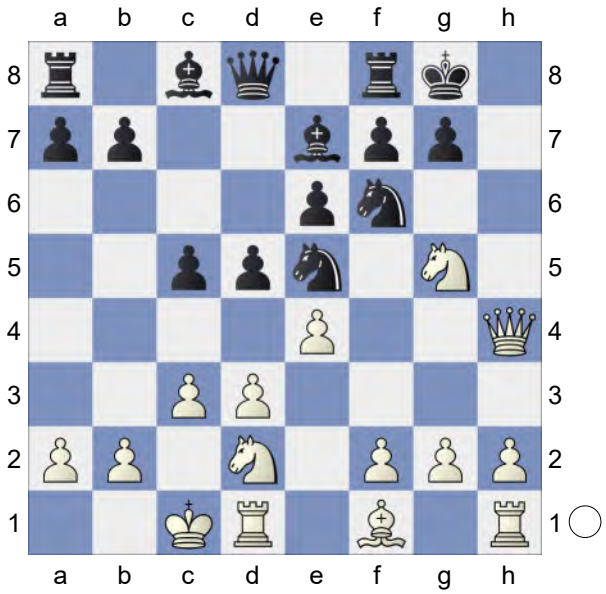
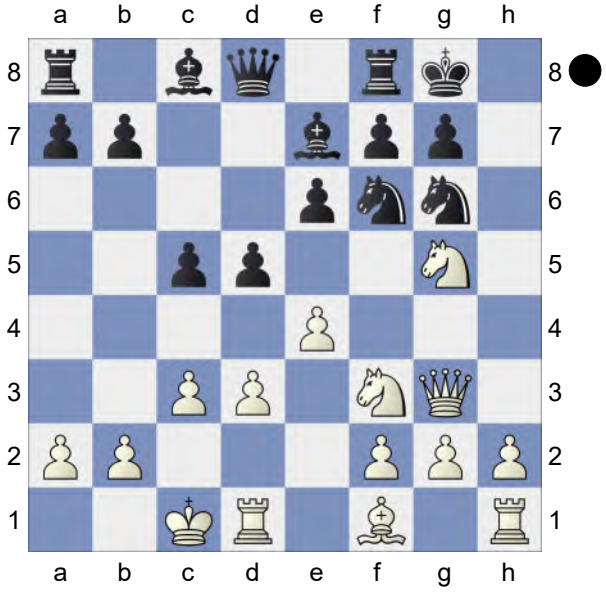


11.Ndf3 Ng6 12.Qg3



e5! 13.h4 d4 14.c4 Bg4 15.h5 Bxh5

[15...Nxh5 16.Qxg4 Bxg5+ 17.Nxg5±]

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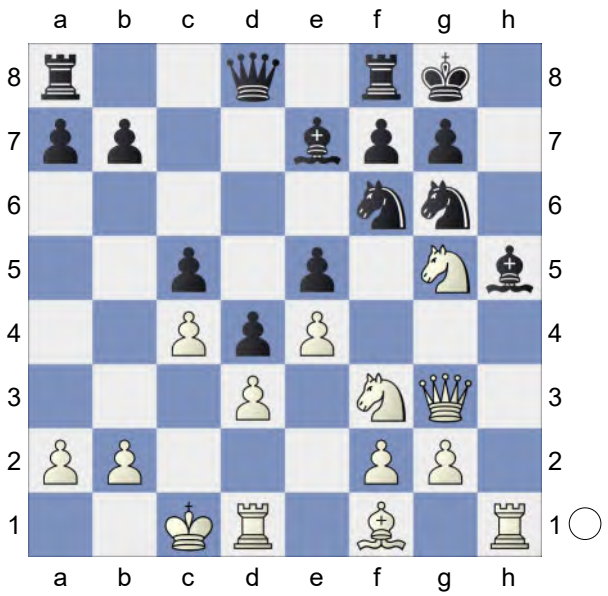

16.Re1 Re8 17.Be2 Qc8 And now ... Qg4 would win. **18.Nxe5 Nxe5?** -1.03/22

[18...Bxe2-+ -3.13/25 19.Nxg6 fxg6 *(19...Nh5 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7 21.Qd6±)* 20.Rxe2 Qg4 21.Qxg4 Nxg4]

19.Bxh5∓ Nxh5 20.Qxe5 -3.23/22

[20.Rxh5∓ -0.81/21 g6 21.Nxf7 Decoy Kxf7 *(21...Nxf7? too greedy. 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Reh1+-)* 22.Rh7+ Ke6 23.f4]

20...Bf6? -0.63/20

[20...Qg4-+ -3.23/22 21.Nh3 Nf6]

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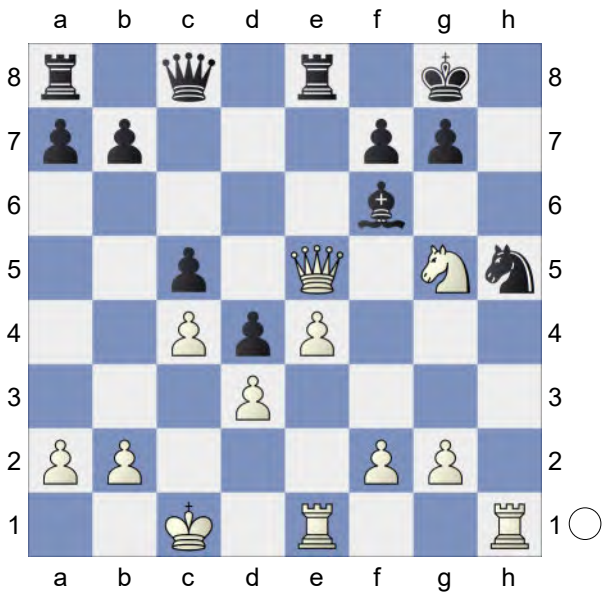


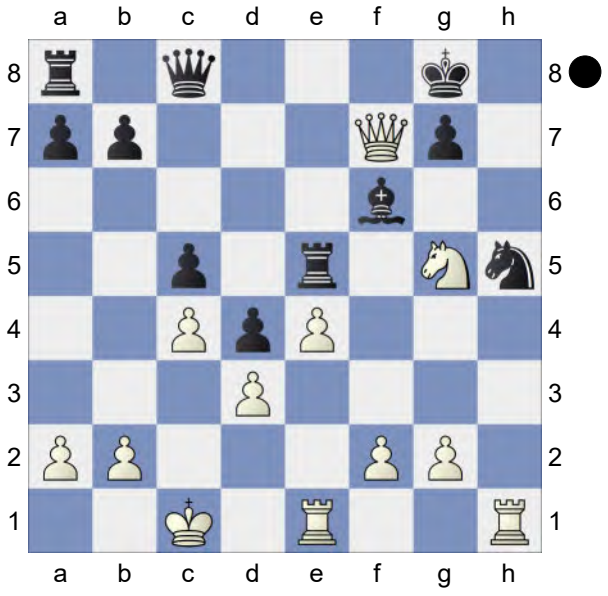
21.Qd5∓ Re5? #2/17

[21...Bxg5+ 22.Qxg5 Nf6 23.Rh4± *(23.Qh4 Kf8∓)*]

[21...Qc7∓ -0.82/21 22.Rxh5 g6 *(22...Re5 23.Rh8+* Decoy *Kxh8 24.Nxf7+ Kh7 25.Nxe5∓)*]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.71

22.Qxf7+



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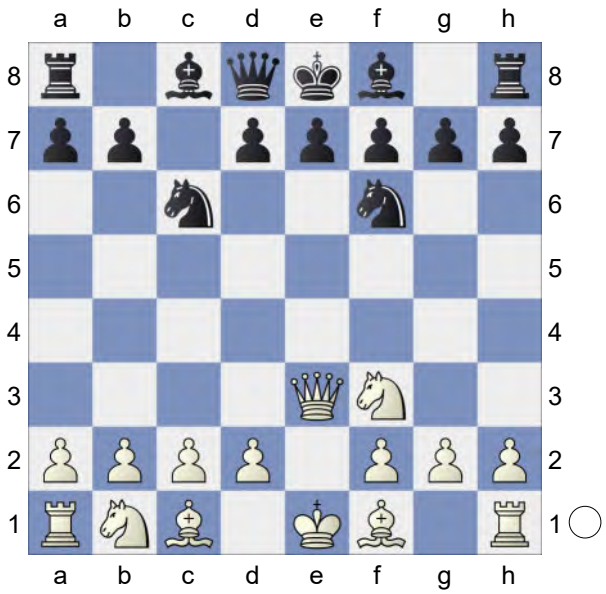
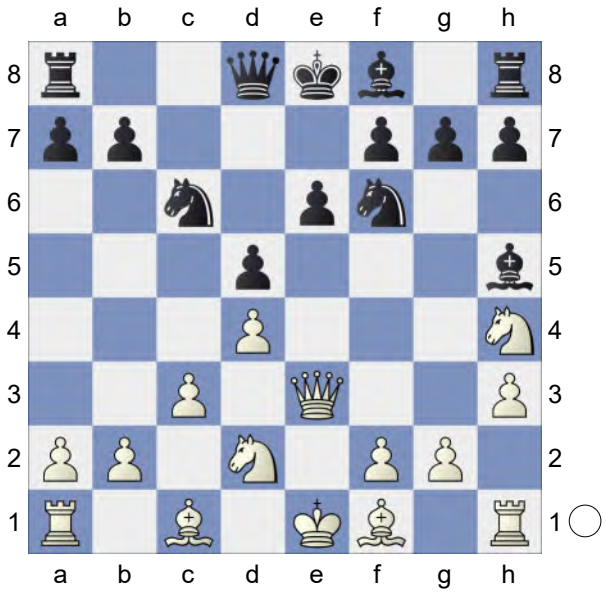
6 **B20**
□ **Mrdalica** **2859**
■ **Vantierry** **2664**
Blitz 10.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nf3
[5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 b4 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)]
5...Nc6



6.d4 d5 7.c3N
[7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.b3 Rc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.Re1 Nh5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nf6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 0-0 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nbd2 e5 19.Nf1 Ne7 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxc3 1-0 (45) Marcotulli,G (2157)-Sveinsson,J (2000) Sicilian - Mack Attack 2000]
7...Bf5 8.Nbd2 -0.51/21
[8.Nh4= 0.00/22 Be4 9.Nd2]
8...e6∓ 9.Nh4 -1.89/20
[9.Bd3∓ -0.47/24 Bxd3 10.Qxd3]
9...Bg4? 0.25/21
[9...Ng4!-+ -1.89/20 10.Qg3 Bd6 Skewer]
10.h3= Bh5



11.g4 -0.22/22
[11.Bd3± 0.32/20]
11...Bg6 12.Be2 -0.87/19
[12.Nxg6= -0.07/20 hxg6 13.Bg2]

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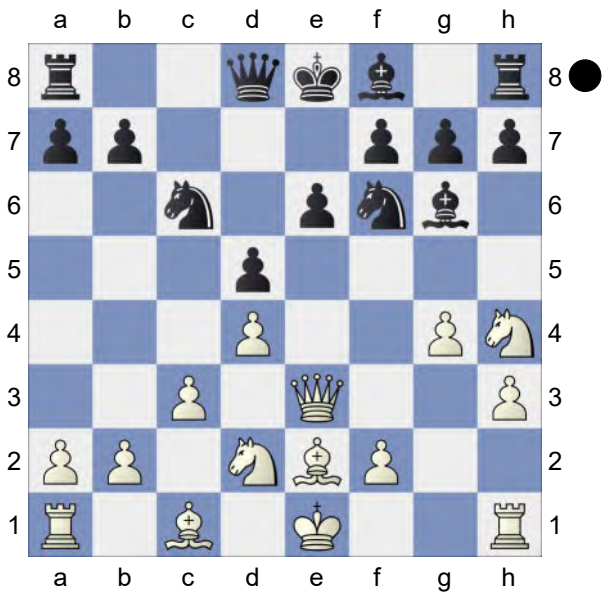
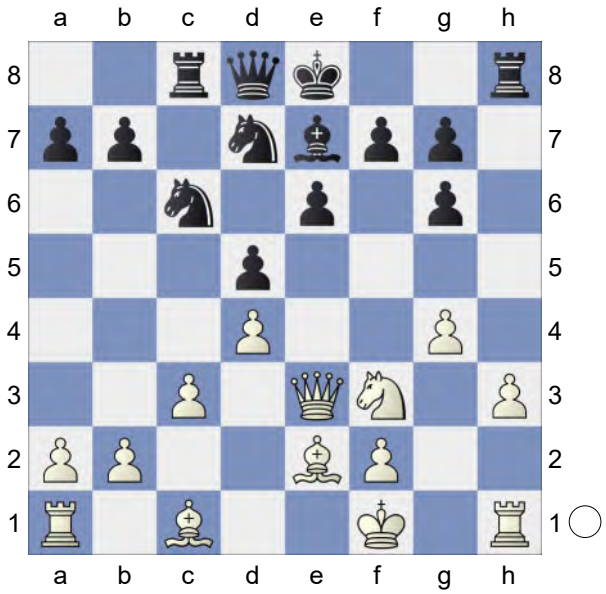


12...Be7 -0.09/23
[12...Bc2!∓ -0.87/19]
13.Kf1 -1.30/21
[13.Nxg6= -0.09/23 keeps the balance. hxg6 14.Kf1]
13...Nd7? 0.48/19
[13...Nxg4∓ -1.30/21 14.hxg4 Bxh4]
14.Nxg6± hxg6 15.Nf3 Rc8 0.74/19
[15...Bd6± 0.35/17]



16.Kg2± a6 17.a4 Na5

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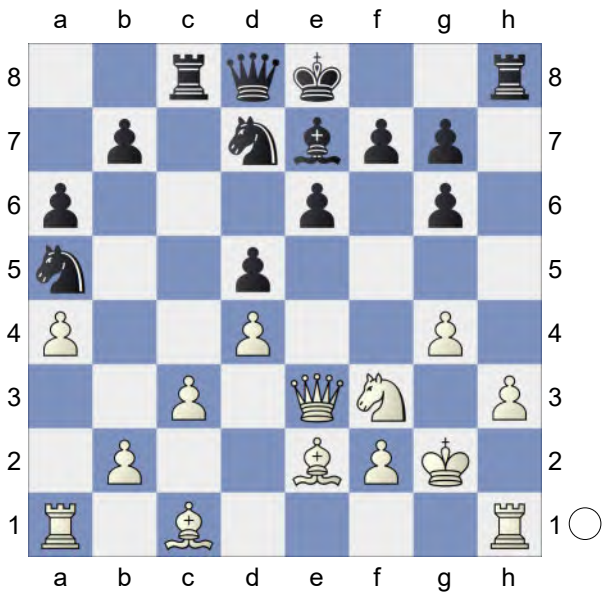
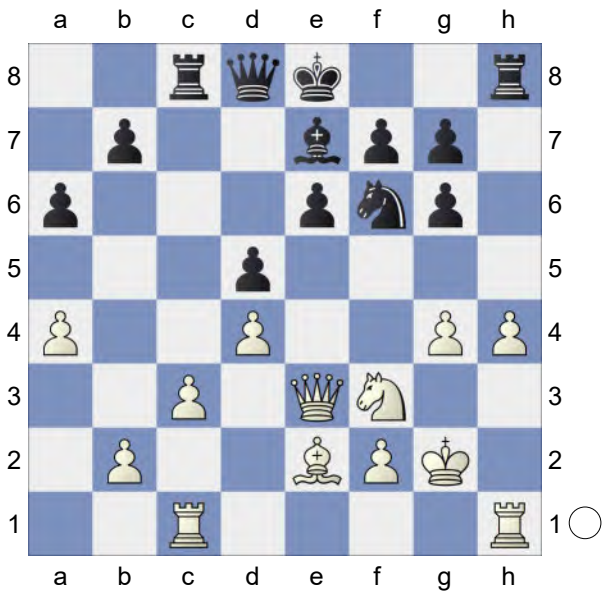
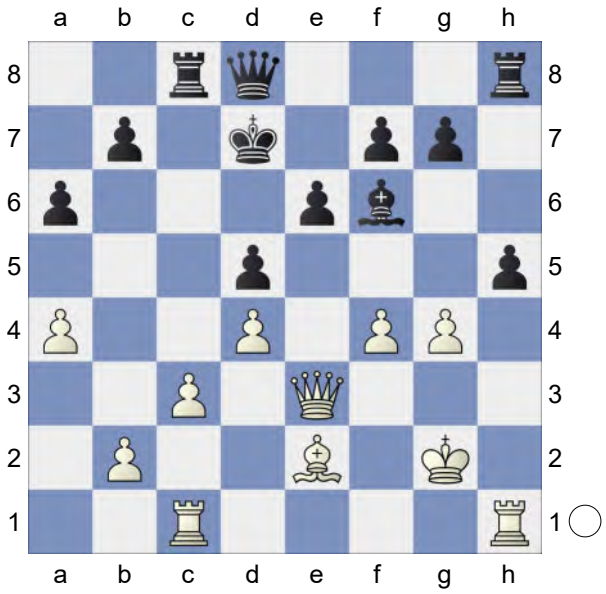


18.h4 0.27/19 **Nb3=**
[18...Bxh4? 19.g5+-]
19.Rb1 Nxc1
[19...Bxh4? 20.g5+-]
20.Rbxc1 Nf6 1.03/20
[20...Bxh4? 21.g5+-]
[20...Bd6± 0.36/19]



21.Ne5 0.59/19
[21.g5± 1.03/20]
21...Nd7± 22.h5 0.18/22
[22.Nf3± 0.62/19]
22...Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Bf6 24.Qe3

hxg6 is the strong threat. **24...gxh5**
25.f4 -0.60/18
[25.Rxh5= -0.12/20 is superior. Rxh5 26.gxh5]
25...Kd7 0.49/19
[25...g6∓ -0.60/18 26.gxh5 gxh5 27.Bxh5 Qb6]



26.g5 Be7 27.f5? -4.29/17
[27.c4!± 0.39/18 keeps the upper hand.]
27...Bxg5-+ Black is clearly winning.
[Not 27...exf5 28.Qe5-+]
28.fxe6+ fxe6 29.Qh3
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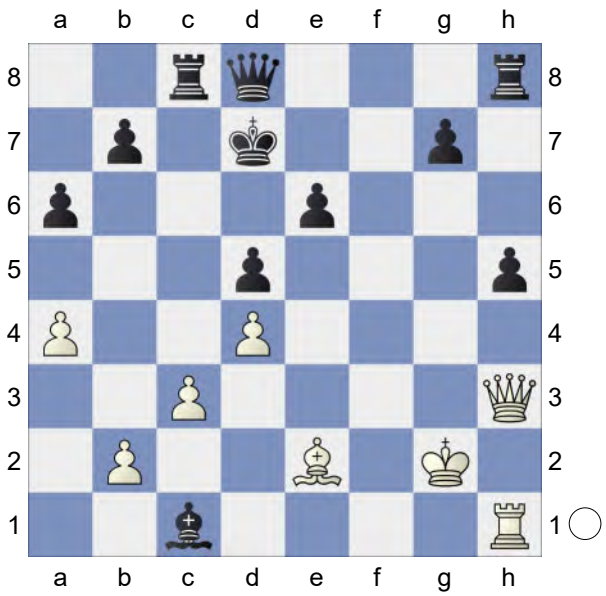
29...Bxc1

(Diagram)



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7 **B20**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
■ **Hambleton,Aman** **2420**
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[Kitty Kat]

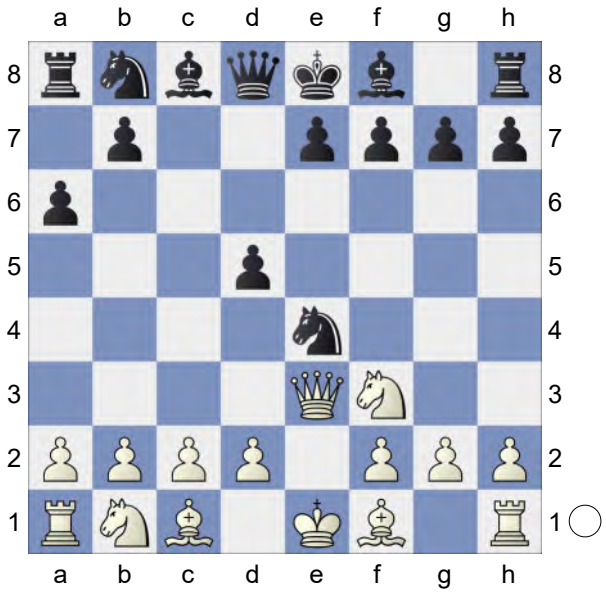
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5
[4...Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-

Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)]

5.Nf3N

[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]

5...a6



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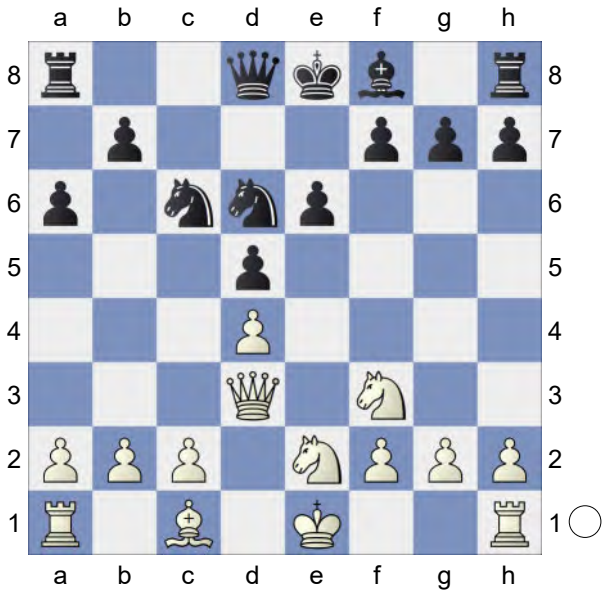

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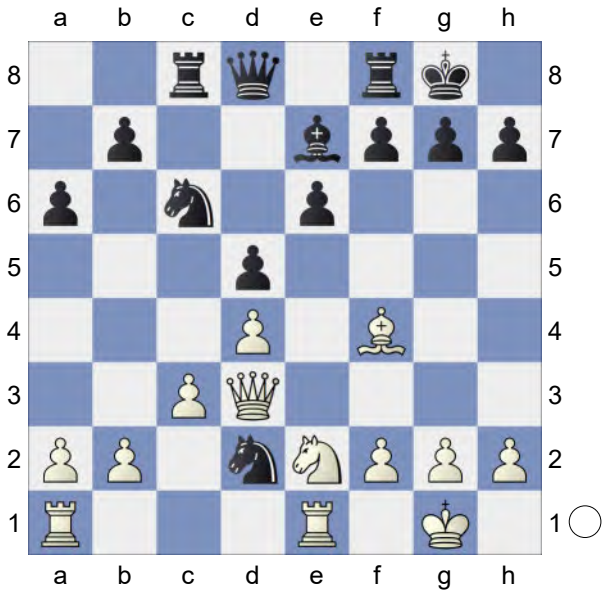
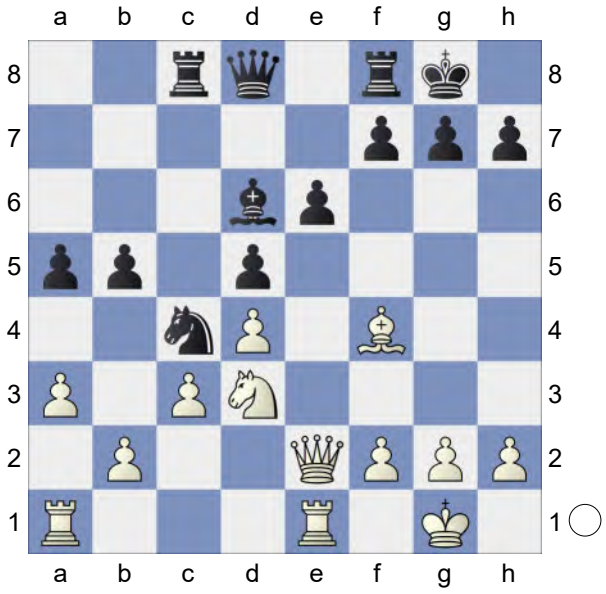


16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Wards off Nb3 **18...Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 20.Nd3 Bd6**



21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Rab1 0.01/21

[22.h4± 0.37/18 was preferable.]

22...Rfe8= 23.Qg4 Rc7 24.Re2 Rce7 25.Rbe1 f6

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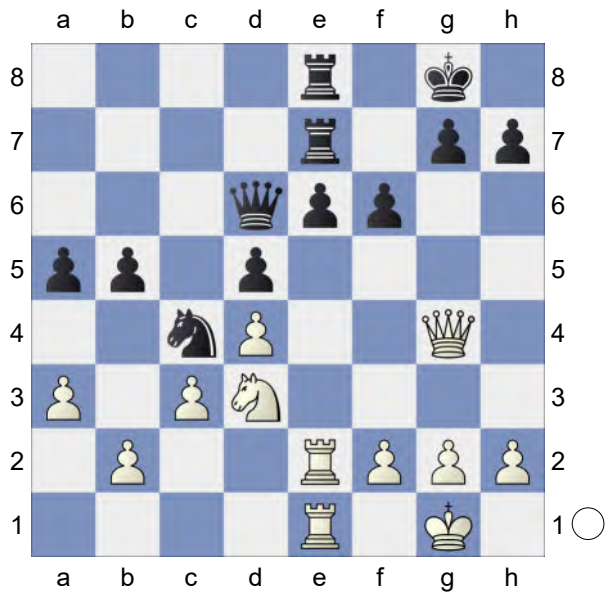

26.f4! g6 1.00/19
[26...Qc6± 0.36/20]
27.h4± Qc6 1.71/20
[27...e5± 0.97/20]
28.h5+- Kf7 2.89/20
[⌓28...Nd6 1.71/16 29.hxg6 Ne4]
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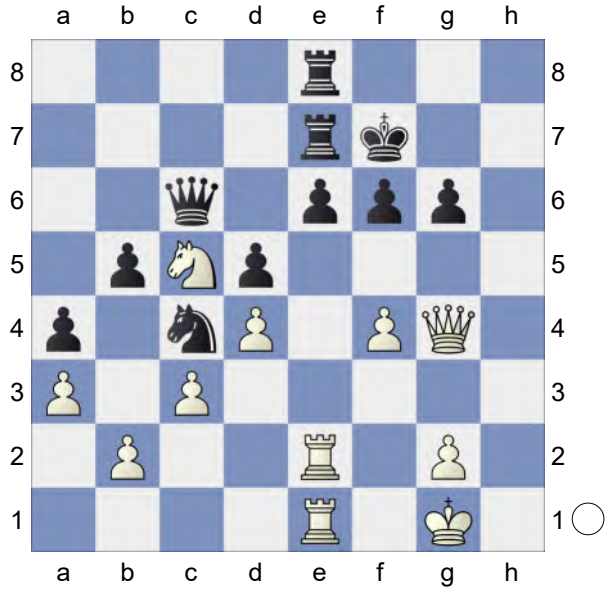

31.Qh3 Kg8 4.78/18
[31...e5 2.85/19 32.fxe5 Kg7]

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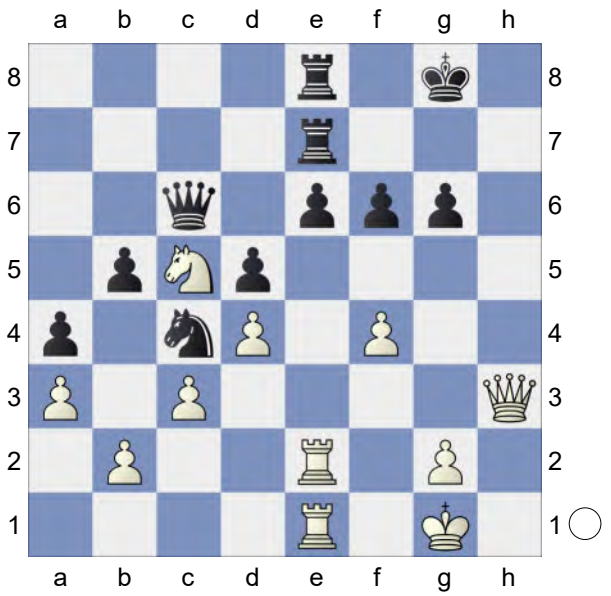

Wards off Qh7+ **32.Nxe6 Nd6** 8.95/22
[Inferior is 32...f5 33.Ng5 *(33.Nd8 Rxe2 34.Rxe2 Qd7∓)* 33...Qc7 34.Qh7+ Deflection Rxh7 35.Rxe8+ Kg7 36.R1e7+ Kh6 37.Rxc7 *(37.Rxh7+ Qxh7 38.Nxh7 Kxh7+-; 37.Nxh7 Qxf4 38.Nf8 Qc1+ 39.Re1 Qxb2=)* 37...Rxc7 38.Rh8+ Kg7 39.Rh7+ Skewer Kf8 40.Ne6+ *(40.Rxc7 Nxb2 41.Nh7+ Ke8+-)* 40...Kg8 41.Rxc7 *(41.Nxc7 Kxh7 42.Nxd5 g5+-)*]
[⌓32...Qd7 4.92/18 33.f5 gxf5]
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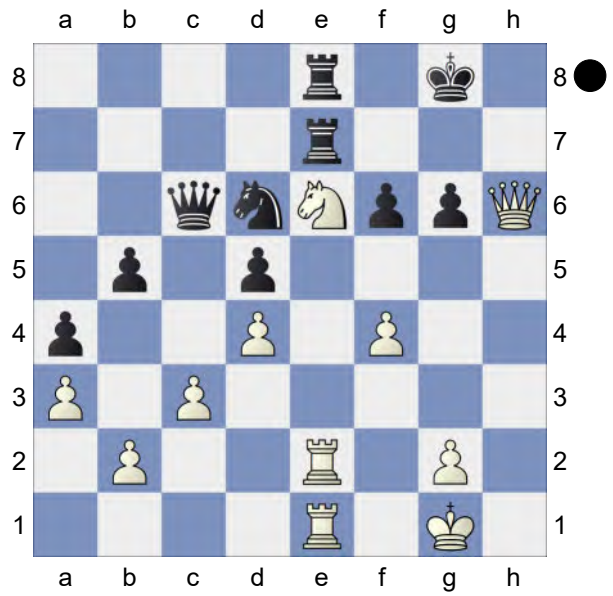
33.Qh6

(Diagram)



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8 **B20**
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B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
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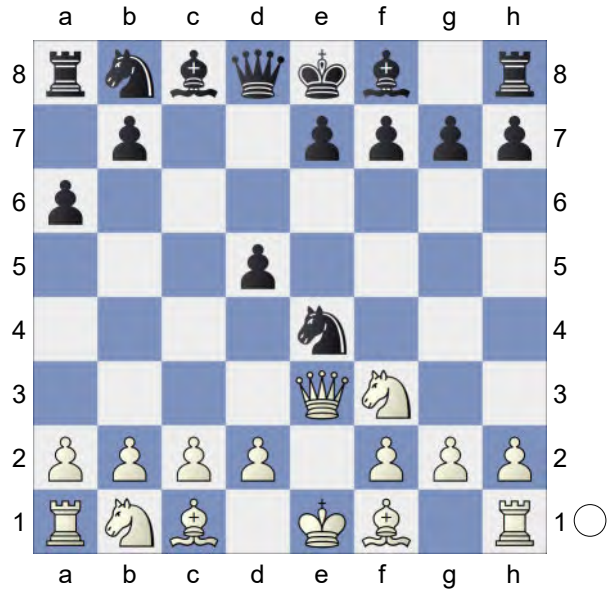
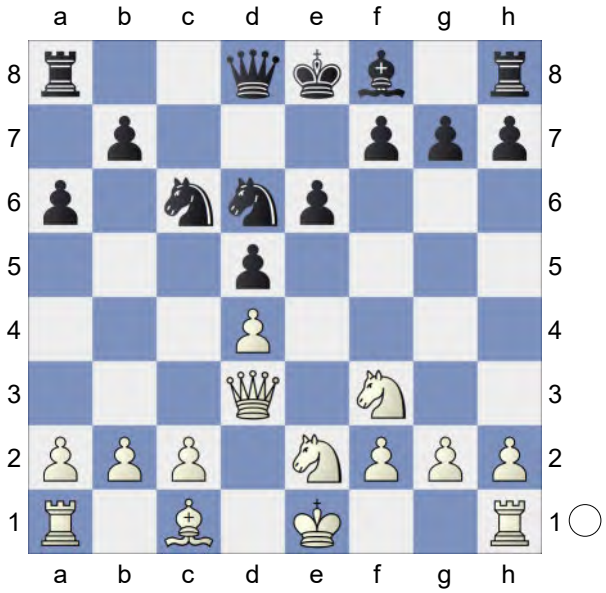


6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6**



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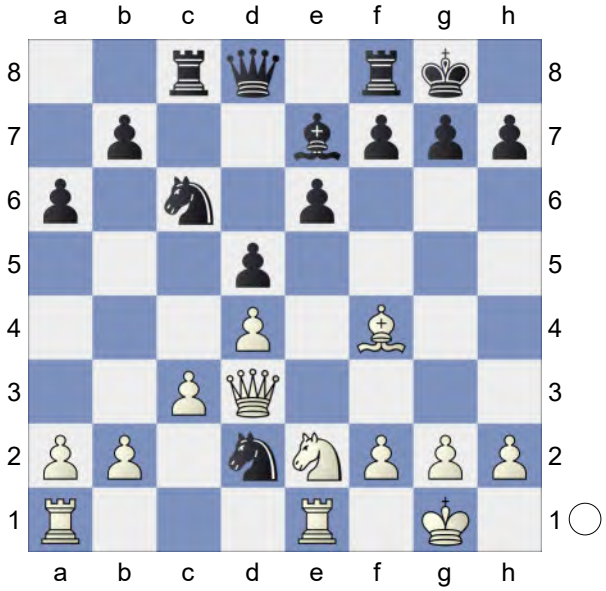

16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Prevents Nb3 **18...Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 20.Nd3 Bd6**

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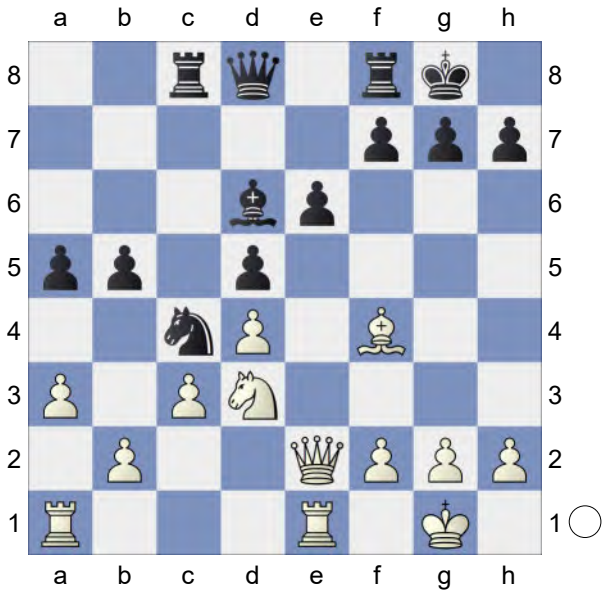

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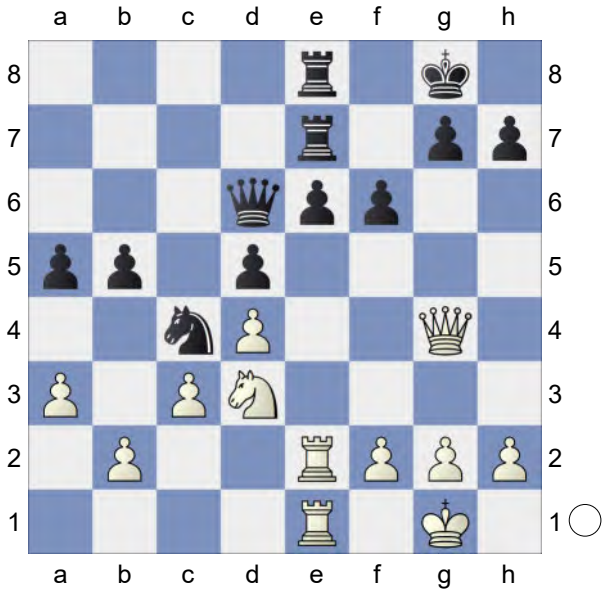

26.f4 g6 0.82/20
[26...Qc6± 0.40/20]
27.h4± Qc6 2.03/18 Loses the game.
[27...e5± 0.78/23]
28.h5+- Kf7 2.88/20
[⌓28...Nd6 1.80/10 29.hxg6 Ne4]
29.Nc5 a4 30.hxg6+ hxg6

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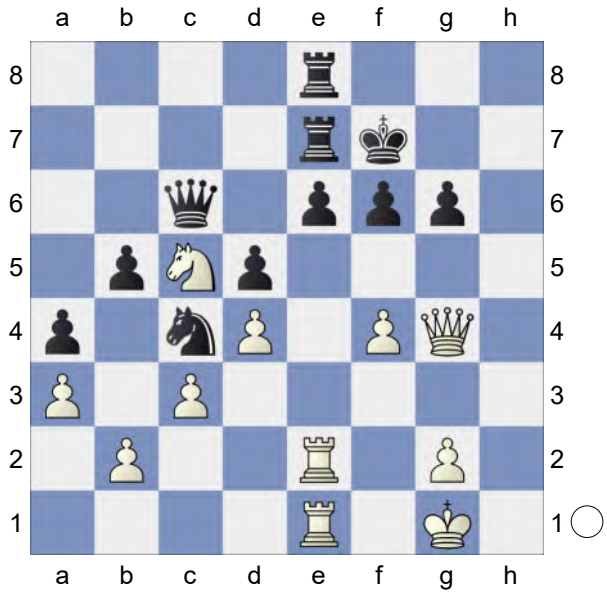
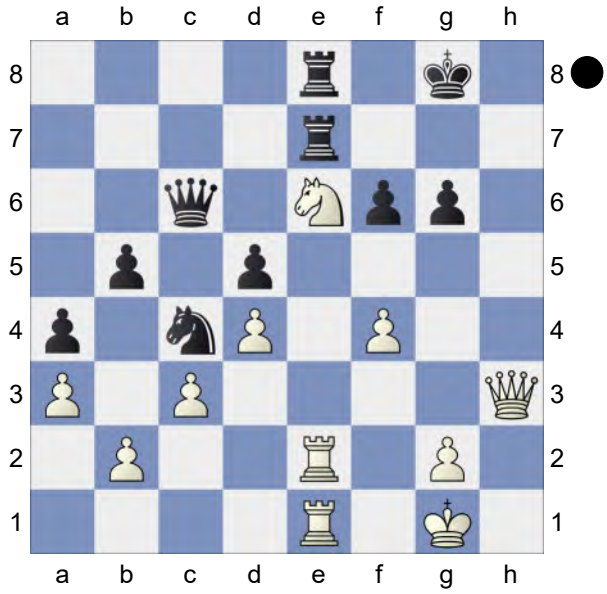


31.Qh3 Kg8 Inhibits Qh7+. **32.Nxe6**



And now Qg4 would win. **32...Nd6 33.Qh6**

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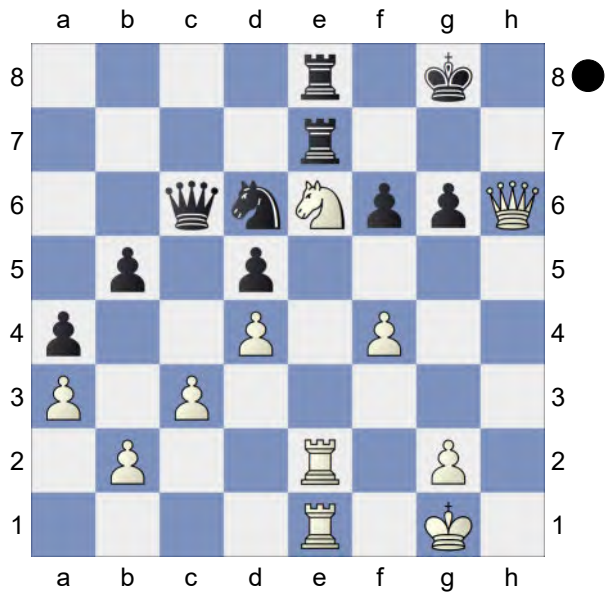

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9 **B20**

☐ **Yarebore** **2848**

■ **Ballsy Binge** **2598**

Blitz 19.01.2024

[Kitty Kat]

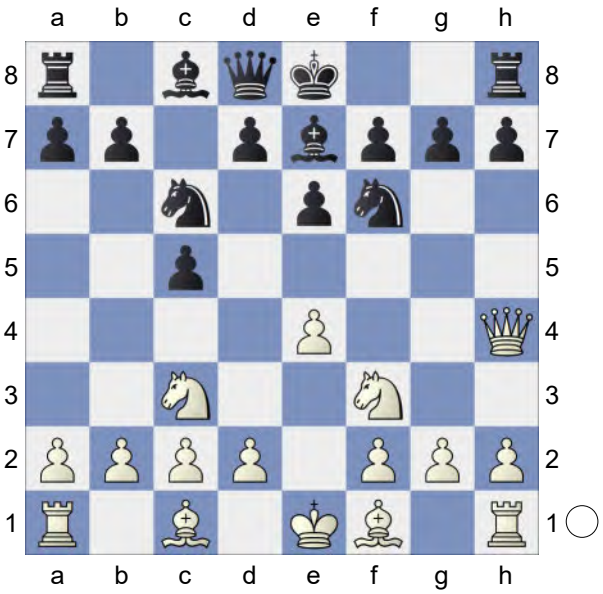
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 Be7



6.e5 Nd5

[6...Nb4!?]

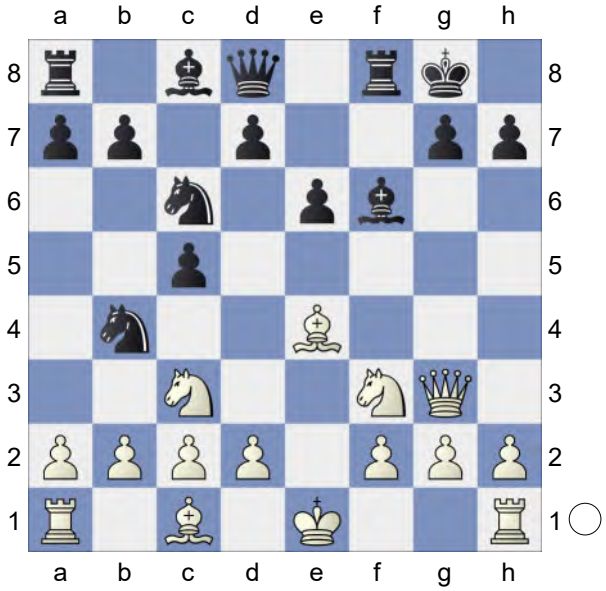
7.Qg3 0-0 8.Bd3? -2.56/21

[8.d4!= 0.00/23 and White is okay.]

8...Ndb4-+ 9.Be4 f5 -1.34/21

[Black should play 9...d5-+ -2.65/24 10.exd6 Bxd6]

10.exf6∓ Bxf6



11.a3 d5 -0.75/19

[⌓11...Qa5 -1.12/23 aiming for ...d5. 12.Rb1 *(12.axb4? Qxa1 13.0-0 d5-+)* 12...d5 13.axb4 cxb4 14.Nxd5 exd5]

12.axb4 Nxb4 0.00/20

[12...dxe4∓ -0.79/21 13.Nxe4 Nxb4]

13.Kd1 -1.25/19

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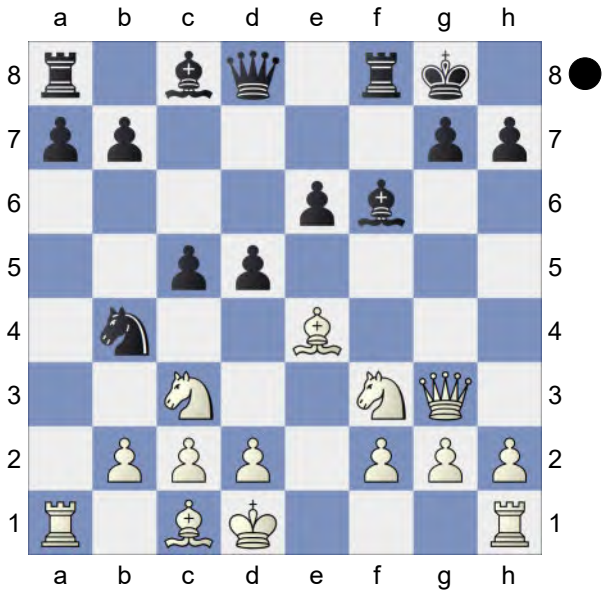


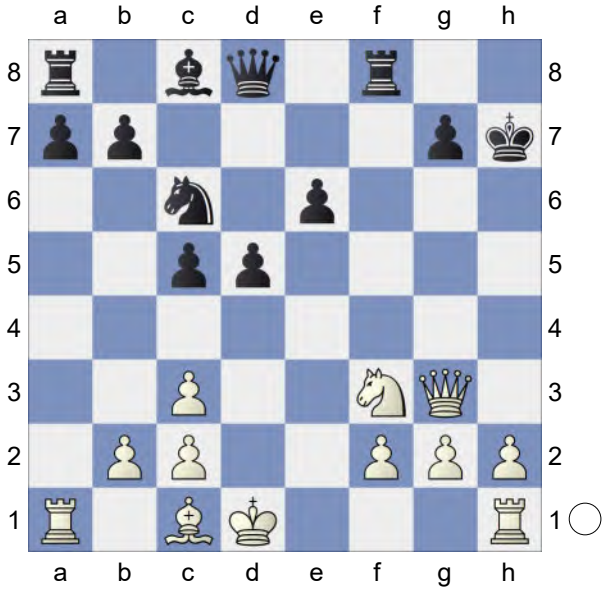
Loses the game. **13...Bxc3?** 3.51/23

[13...c4!∓ -1.25/19 stays on course. 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7]

14.Bxh7++- Kxh7 15.dxc3

[Less strong is 15.bxc3 Qf6±]

15...Nc6



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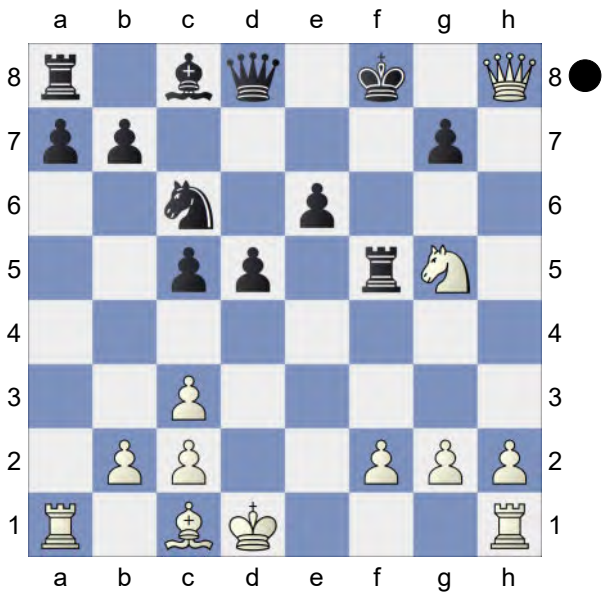
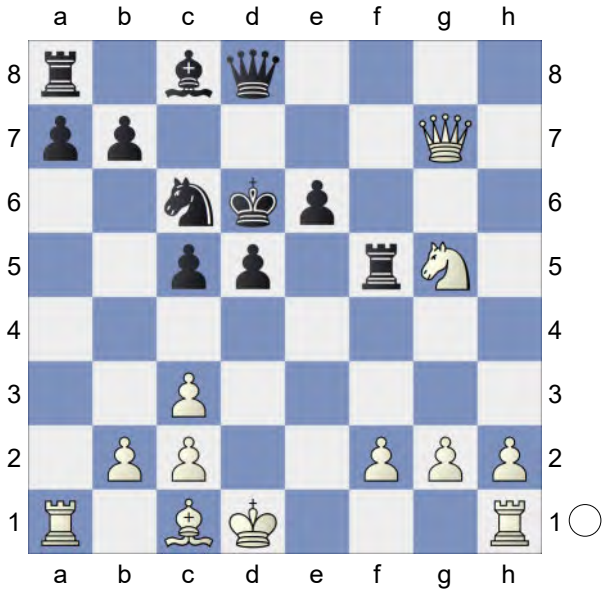


Deflection **19...Ke7 20.Qxg7+ Kd6**



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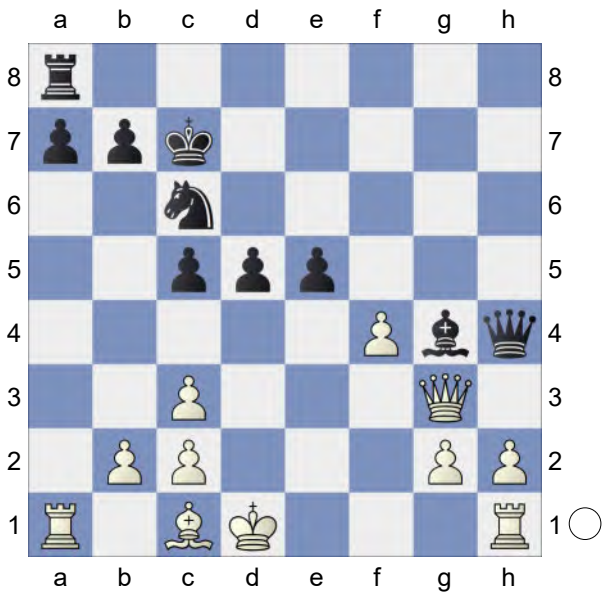
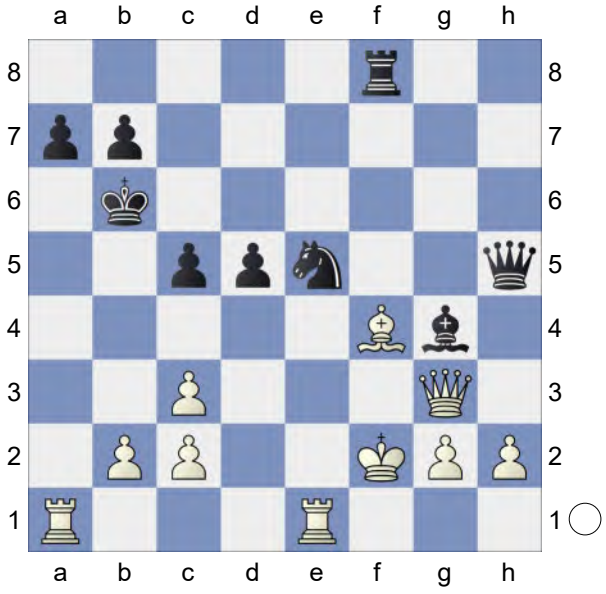


26.Ke1 Qh5 27.fxe5 Re8 28.Bf4 Nxe5 29.Kf2

[29.Rxa7 Kb6 30.Kf2 Bd1± *(30...Kxa7 31.Re1=)*]

29...Kb6 30.Rhe1 Rf8



31.Kg1 Ng6 32.Bc7+ Kb5

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33.Ra5+

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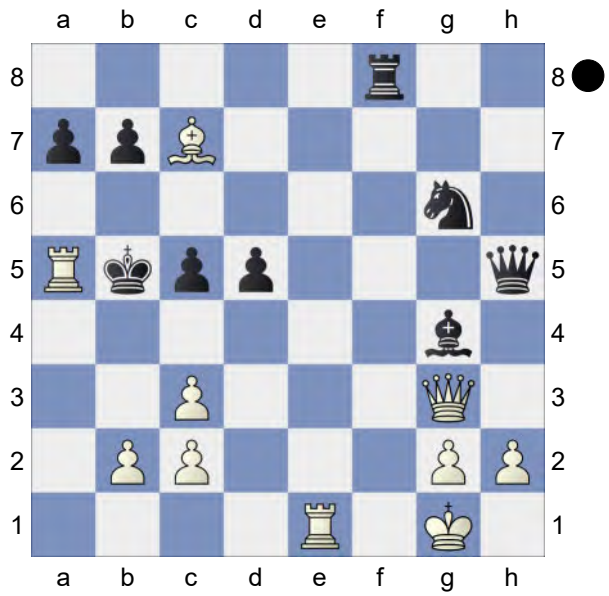

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10 **B20**
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■ **Cheng,X** **2288**
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B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6

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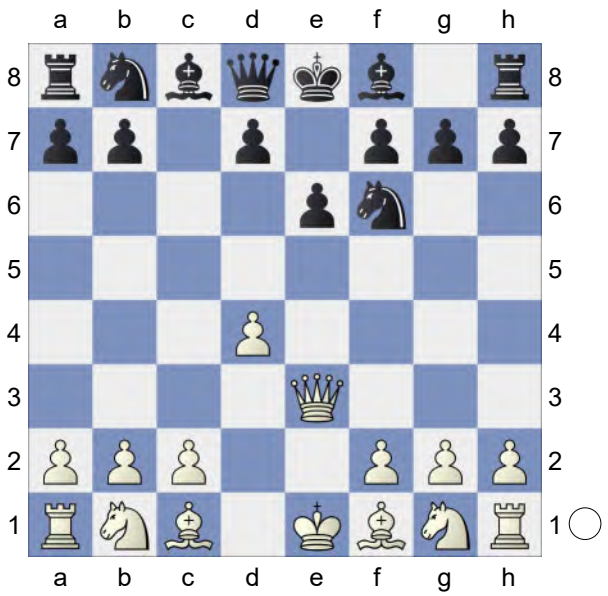
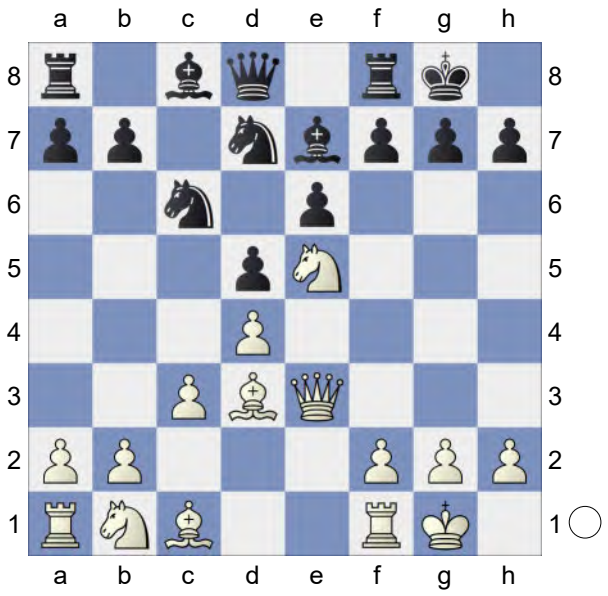
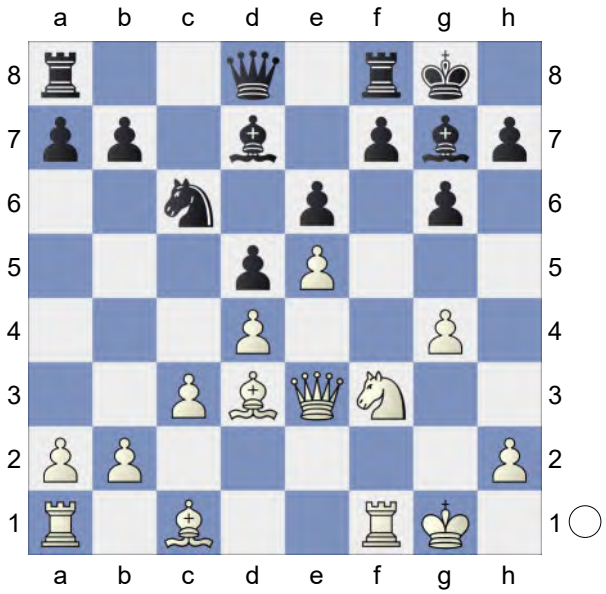


6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3** Prevents Nb4. **10...Nd7**

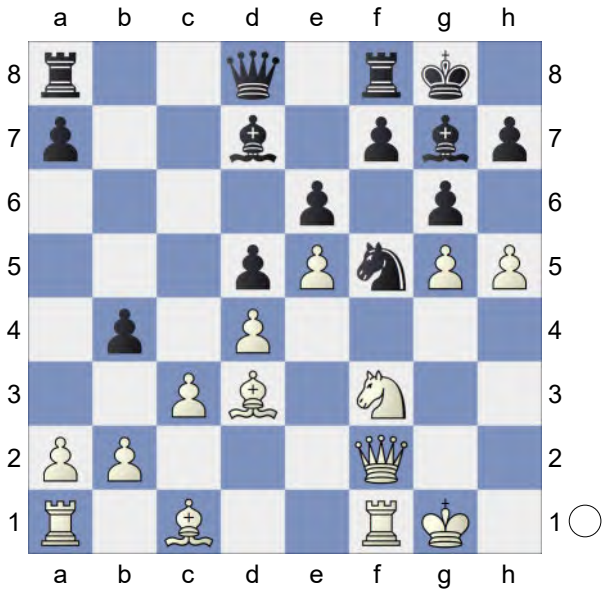


11.f4 Bf6 1.08/8
[11...Ndxe5± 0.42/16 12.fxe5 f6]
12.Nd2 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[12.Qh3 is more complex. g6 13.Nd2 Bg7 14.Ndf3]
12...g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 0.60/9
[14.b3± 1.06/9]
14...Ndxe5!± 15.fxe5 Bd7 1.58/11
[15...f6± 0.48/12]



Black is now going downhill. **16.g5± Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 b4?** 3.42/22

[19...Re8 1.85/19 20.Bd2 Qb6]



20.h6+-

[20.cxb4 Re8±]

20...Bh8

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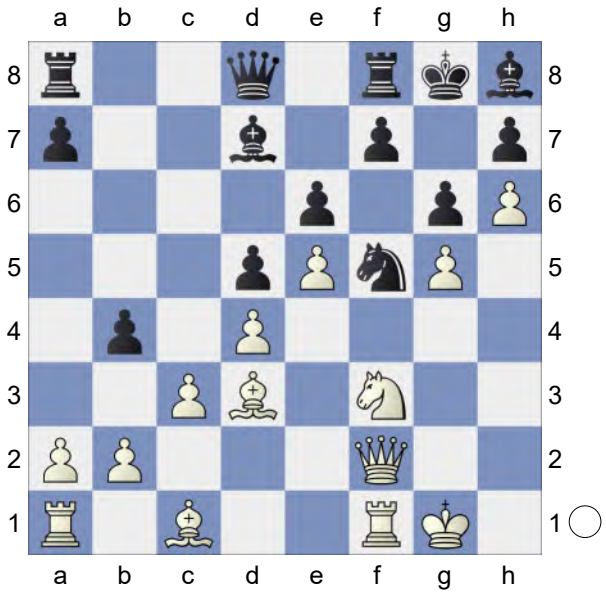
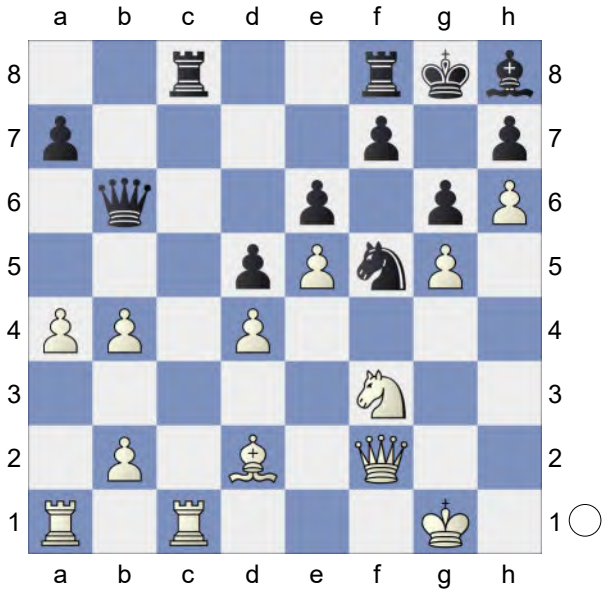


21.cxb4 Qb6 22.Bd2 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Qxb5 24.a4 Qb6 25.Rfc1 Rac8



26.b5 Rc4 27.Rxc4 dxc4 28.Rc1 a6 29.Rxc4 axb5 30.Rb4 Qa7

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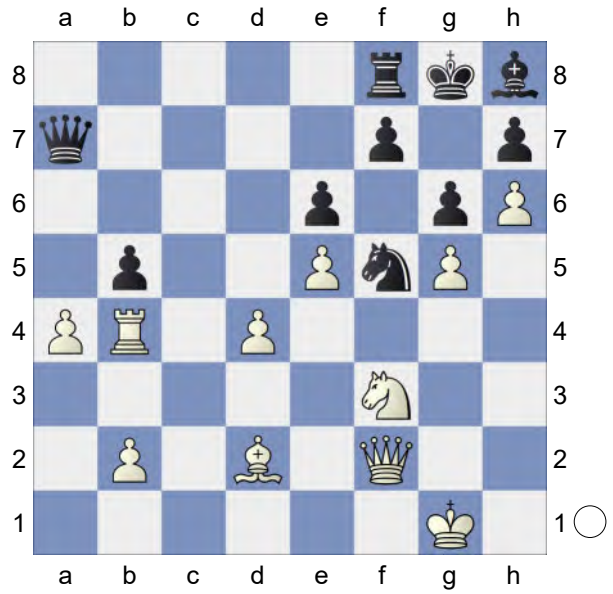
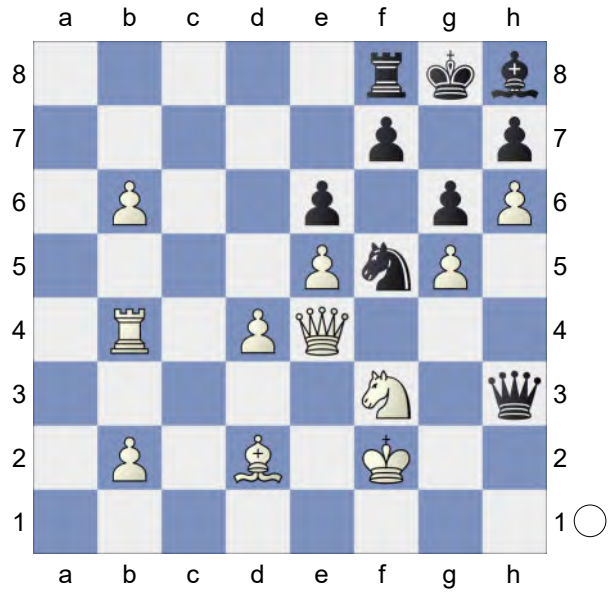


31.axb5
[31.Rxb5 Qxa4 32.Rb4 Qc2+-]
31...Qa1+ 32.Qe1 Qa2 5.81/22
[⌓32...Qa8 4.09/20]
33.Qe4 Qa1+ 6.21/20
[⌓33...Ne7 4.39/19 34.Kf2 *(34.b6 Nd5+-)* 34...Nd5]
34.Kf2 Qh1 35.b6 Qh3



36.Qf4

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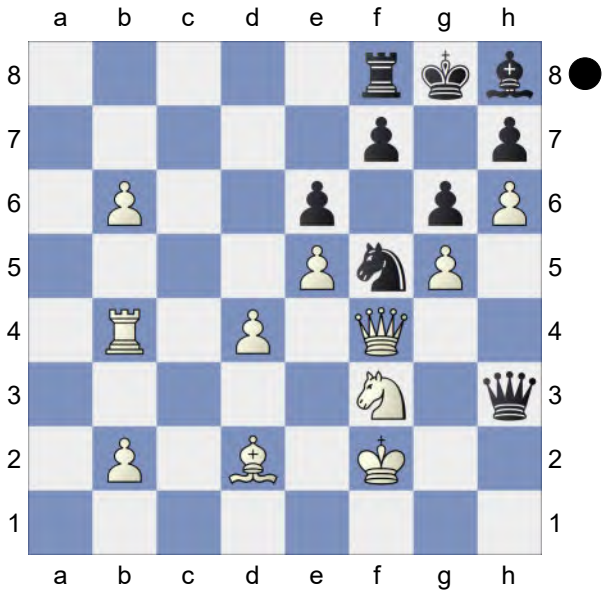
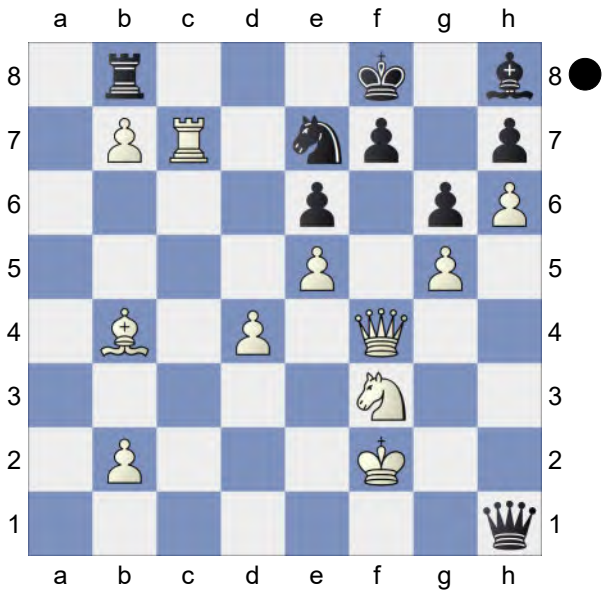


aiming for b7. **36...Qh1 37.b7 Rb8 38.Rc4** White mates. **38...Ne7 39.Rc7 Kf8 40.Bb4**



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11 **B20**
□ **Kelevra317** **2835**
■ **Armrnia777** **2609**
Blitz 30.12.2019
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Bc4 g6N
[3...e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6

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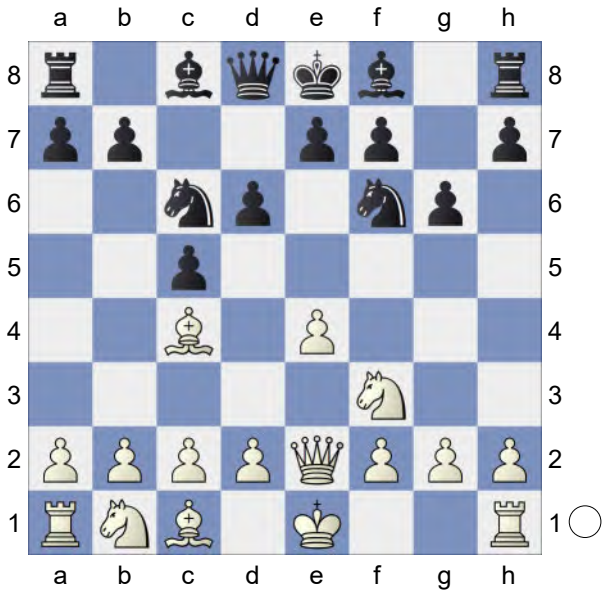
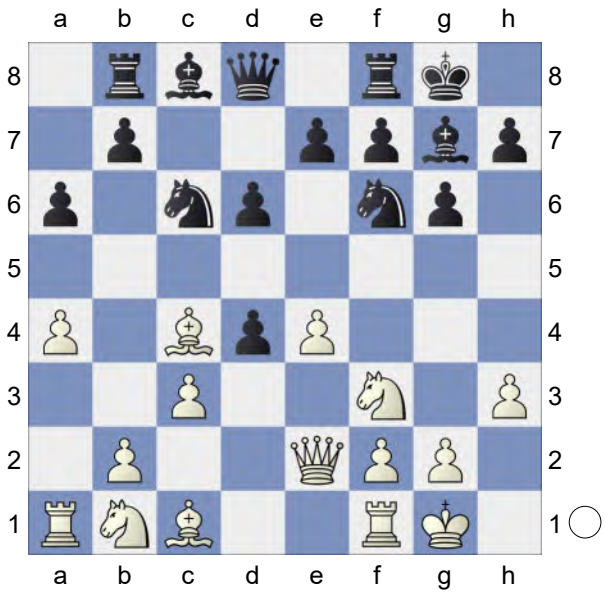


6.h3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c3 Black is slightly better. **8...a6** -0.12/18
[8...Na5∓ -0.51/21]
9.a4 Rb8 10.d4 cxd4



11.cxd4 Bd7 1.00/17
[11...d5= -0.28/19 keeps the balance. 12.exd5 Nxd5]
12.Nc3± Na5 13.Ba2 b5 14.e5! dxe5 2.11/18
[14...Nh5± 1.44/17]
15.dxe5+- Ne8

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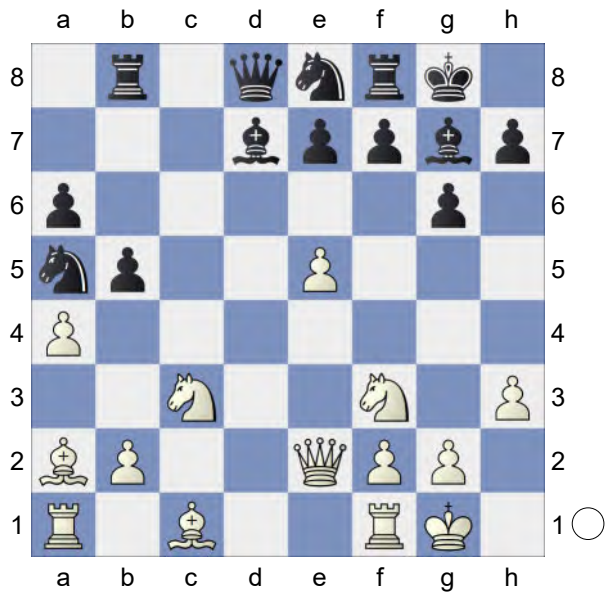
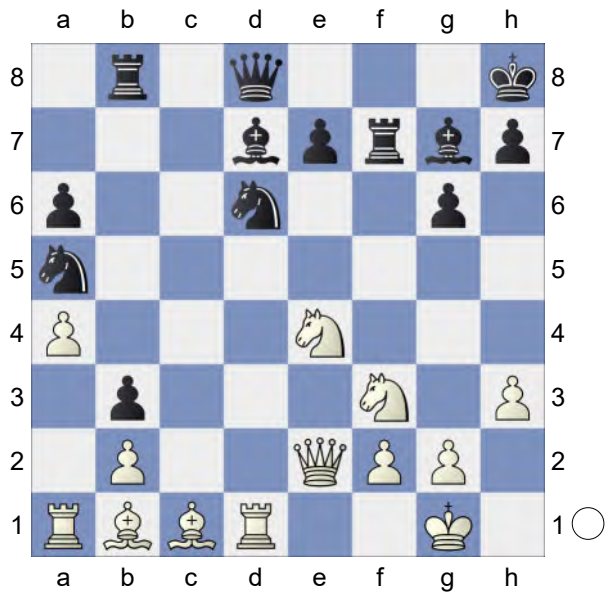
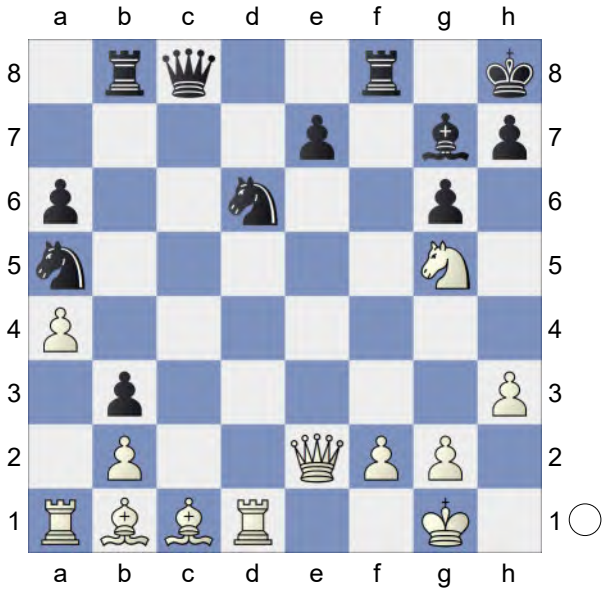


16.Rd1 b4 17.e6 Nd6 18.exf7+ Kh8 19.Ne4 0.88/17
[19.Bg5!+- 2.68/17 bxc3 20.Bxe7 *(20.Qxe7 cxb2 21.Rab1 Qxe7∓; 20.Rxd6 cxb2 21.Rad1 exd6+-)* 20...cxb2 21.Rab1 *(21.Bxd8 bxa1Q 22.Rxa1 Rbxd8±)* 21...Bxa4 22.Bxd8 *(22.Rxd6 Qc7+-)* 22...Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Rbxd8 24.Ne5 *(24.Qxa6 Nac4=)*]
19...b3 2.37/19
[19...Bxa4± 0.88/17 20.Rd4 Nc6]
20.Bb1 Rxf7

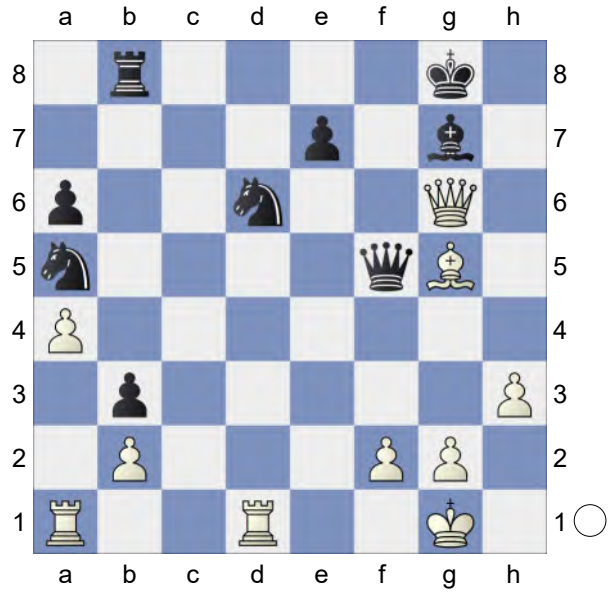


21.Nfg5
[21.Nxd6 exd6 22.Re1 *(22.Qxa6 Qc7±)* 22...Rf8±]
[21.Qxa6?! Rf8+-]
21...Rf8 22.Nc5
[22.Qxa6 Nc6±]
22...Qc8 23.Nce6
[23.Nxa6 Rb6±]
23...Bxe6 24.Nxe6 Rf7 25.Ng5 1.63/18
[⌓25.Nxg7 3.99/21 Rxg7 26.Bh6]
25...Rf8? 3.35/20
[25...Rf6 1.63/18]



26.Nxh7 Decoy
[26.Qxe7 Rf6 27.Bd2 Nc6=]
26...Kxh7 4.54/19
[⌓26...Rf5 2.99/16 27.Bxf5 Nxf5]
27.Qh5+
[27.Qxe7? Nf5 28.Qg5 Nc4-+]
27...Kg8 28.Bxg6
[28.Qxa5 Qe6±]
28...Rf6 29.Bg5? 0.18/16
[29.Rxd6+- 4.37/16 Rxd6 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Bh6 Rxg6 32.Qxg6 Bxh6 33.Qxh6+ Kf7 34.Qh5+ Kf8 35.Qxa5]
29...Rxg6!= Discovered Attack **30.Qxg6 Qf5?** 3.30/24
[30...Qe8= -0.16/17 and Black has

nothing to worry. 31.Qe6+ Qf7]



31.Qxf5? 0.85/15
[31.Rxd6!+- 3.30/24 is the precise move to win. Qxg6 32.Rxg6]
31...Nxf5± 32.Rd5!↑ White is really pushing. **32...Nc4** Strongly threatening ... e6. **33.Rxf5 Nxb2 34.Bf4** 0.20/21
[34.Bxe7?! Nc4 35.Bf6 Bxf6 36.Rxf6 b2=]
[Better is 34.Rb1!± 1.02/22 Rf3 would now be deadly. Nc4 35.Bc1 *(35.Bxe7 Nd2=)*]
34...Rb7 0.97/25
[34...Rb4= 0.20/21 35.Rb1 Nc4]
White stays focused until the end.
35.Rg5 Nc4

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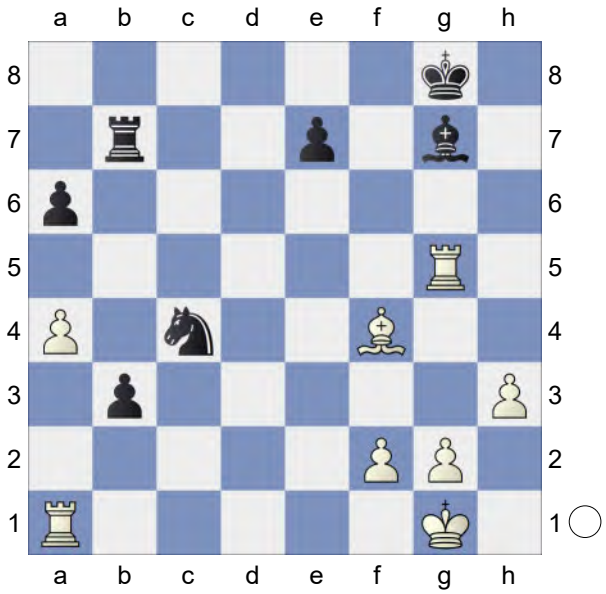
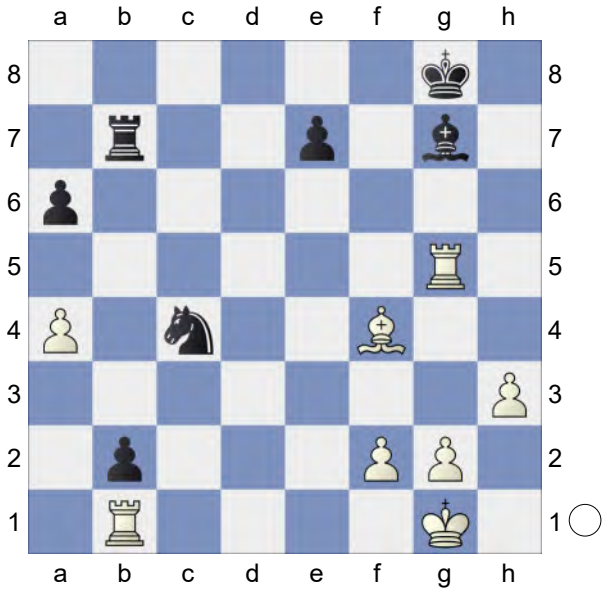
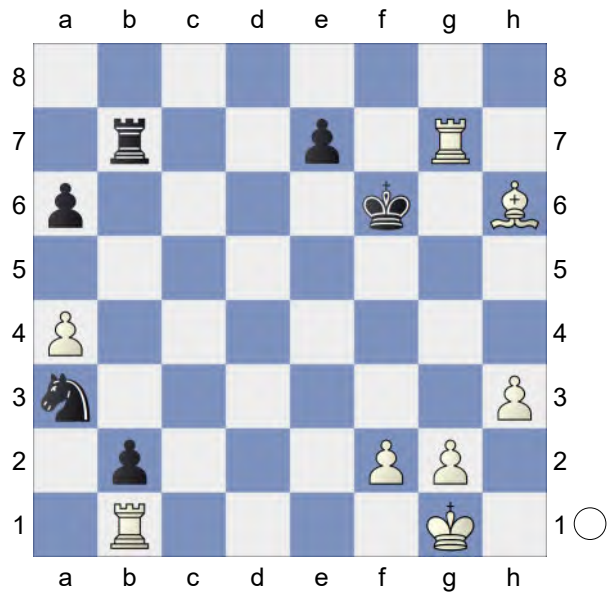


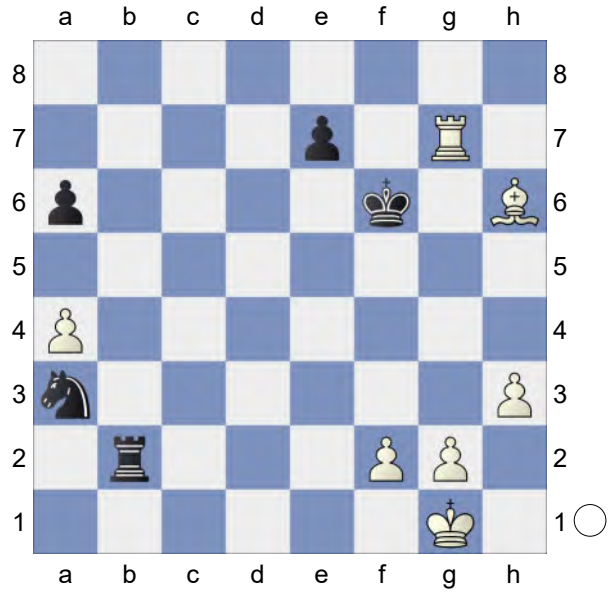
Wards off Be5 **36.Rb1 b2** 1.22/19
[Black should try 36...Kf7!± 0.68/19]



37.Rg4! Kf7 2.34/21
[Avoid the trap 37...Na3? 38.Rxb2 *(38.Be5 Nxb1 39.Rxg7+ Kf8∓)* 38...Rxb2 39.Bh6+-]
[37...Kh7± 1.22/22]
38.Bh6+- Discovered Attack **38...Na3?** 4.32/20
[38...Bxh6 2.10/19 keeps fighting. 39.Rxc4 Bg7]
39.Rxg7+ Kf6



40.Rxb2 Rxb2



Endgame KRB-KRN. White is two pawns up. **41.Rg4** Prevents Rb4 **41...Rb1+ 42.Kh2 Nc2 43.Bg5+** Deflection **43...Kf5 44.Bxe7 Ne1 45.Bc5 Nd3**

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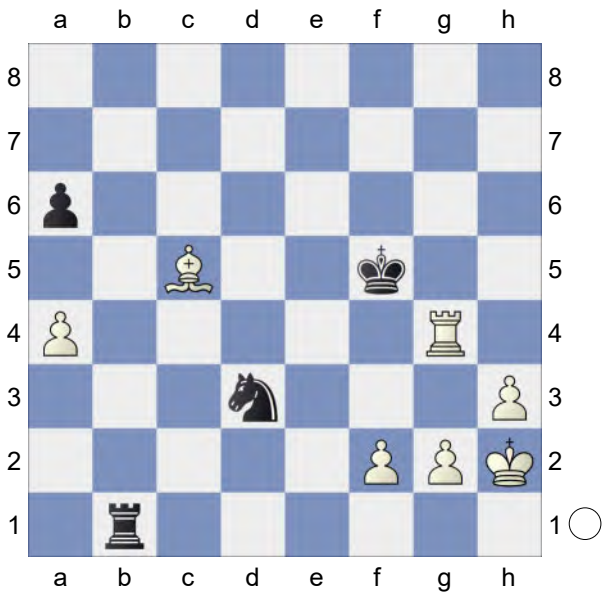
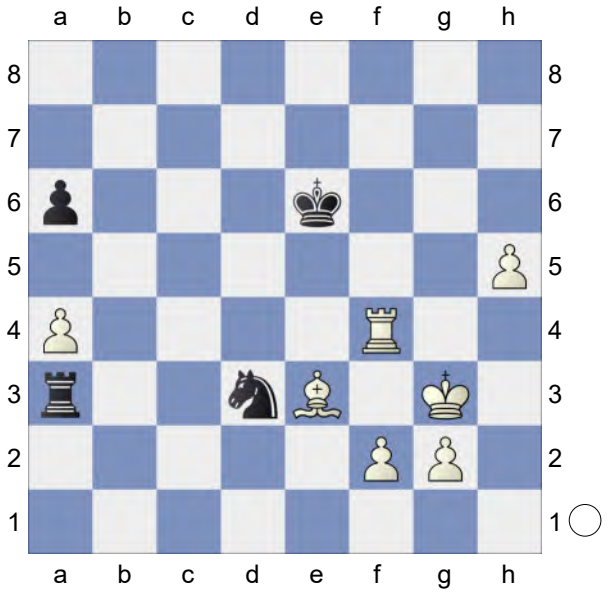


46.Be3 Ne5 47.Rf4+ Ke6 48.Kg3 Rb3 49.h4 Ra3 50.h5 Nd3



51.Rg4 Kf7 52.h6 Nb4 53.h7 Nd5 54.h8Q White threatens Qg8+ and mate. **54...Nxe3 55.fxe3 Rxe3+**

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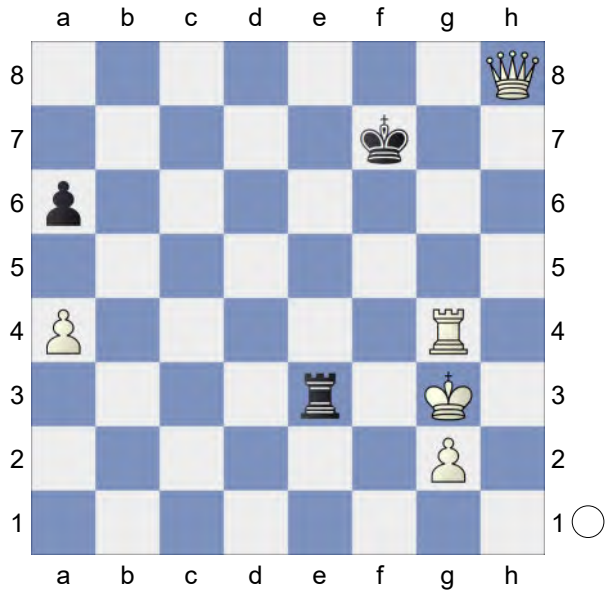
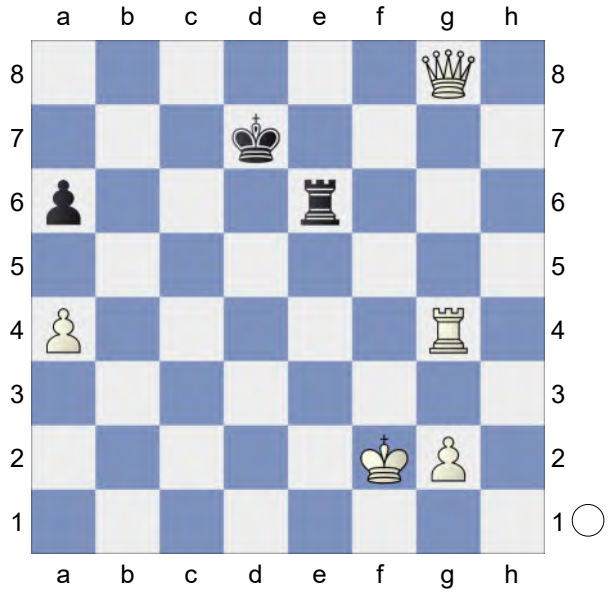


56.Kf2 Re6 57.Qg7+ Ke8 58.Qg8+ Kd7



59.Qxe6+!! 110.10/24 **Kxe6** KR-KP **60.Rb4** 110.10/24

[⌓60.Rg6+ #22/22 Kf7 61.Rxa6 Ke7 62.a5 Kd7 63.Rb6 Kc8 64.a6 Kc7 65.Rb2]

60...Kd5

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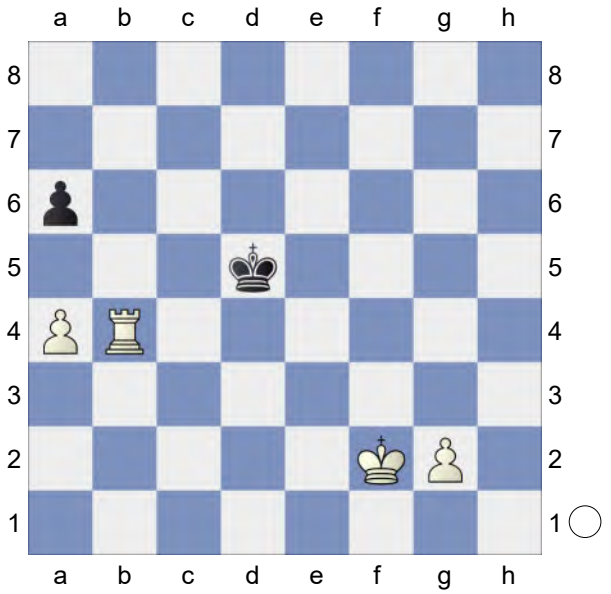
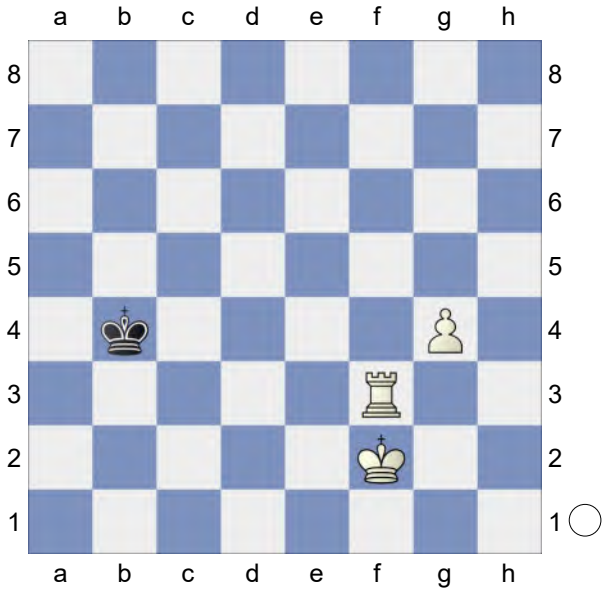


61.Rb6 White mates. **61...Kc5 62.Rxa6** KR-K **62...Kb4 63.Rf6 Ka5 64.Rf3 Kxa4 65.g4 Kb4**



66.Kg3 Kc5 67.Rf4 Kd6 68.Kf3 Ke7 69.g5 Ke6 70.Kg4 Ke5

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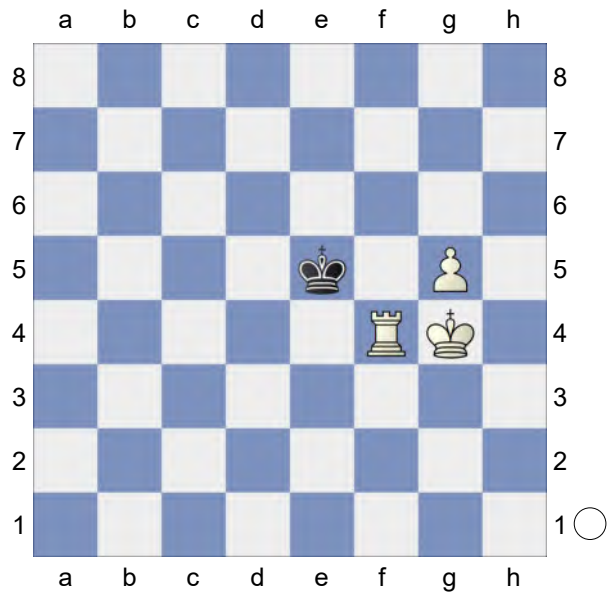
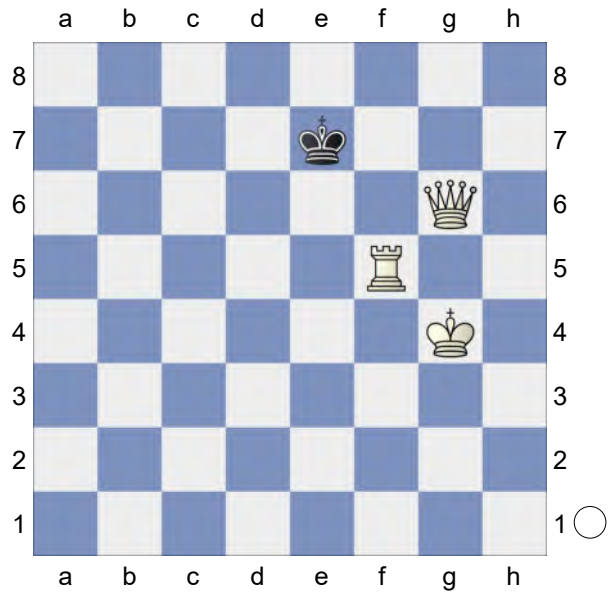


71.Rf5+ Ke6 72.g6 Ke7 73.g7 Ke6 74.g8Q+ Kd6 75.Qg6+ Ke7



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76.Rf7+

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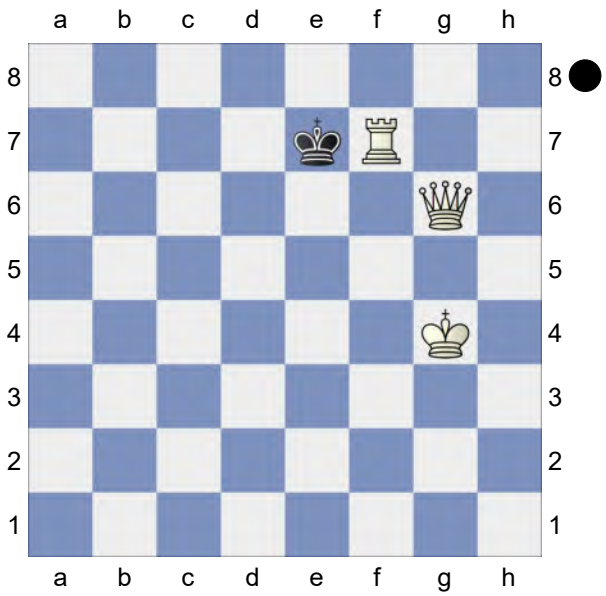

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12 **B20**

□ **Mrdalica** **2834**

■ **Wild Of Luck** **2651**

Blitz 07.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4 Nc6

[3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7

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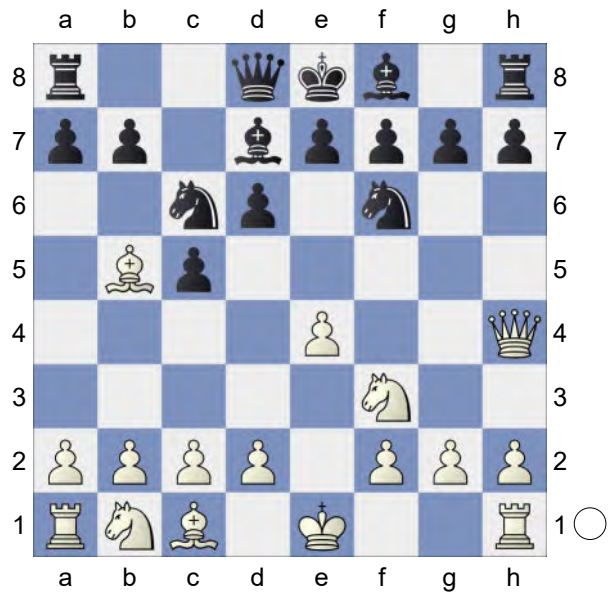

6.c3N -0.97/19
[6.Bxc6∓ -0.61/18 Bxc6 7.d3]
[6.0-0 g6 *(6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)*)* 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 Bc6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
6...e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d4 Black is better.
8...cxd4 -0.36/18
[8...Qb6∓ -0.94/21 9.Bd3 cxd4]
9.cxd4∓ d5 10.e5 -0.68/19
[10.Bxc6= -0.19/21 Bxc6 11.e5]
10...Ne4 -0.19/21
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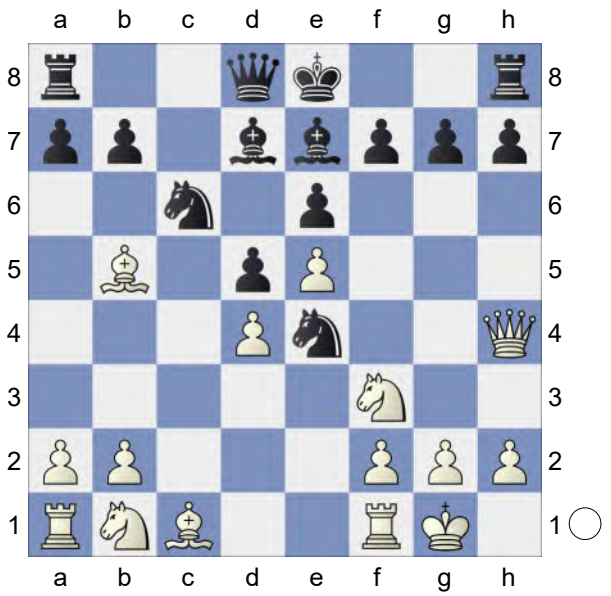
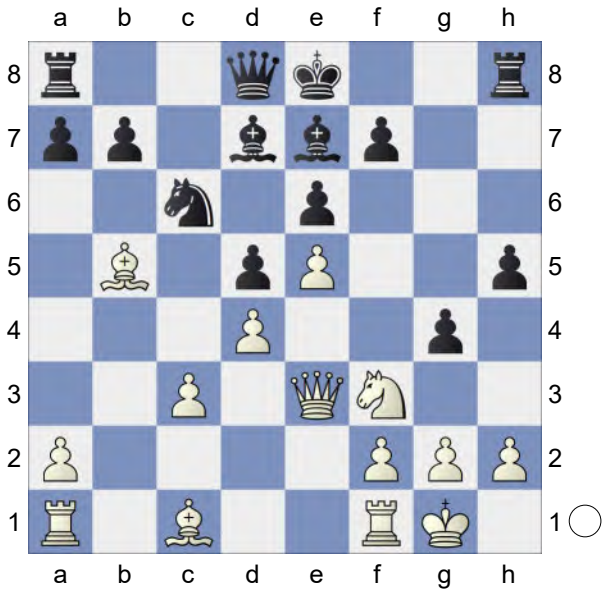
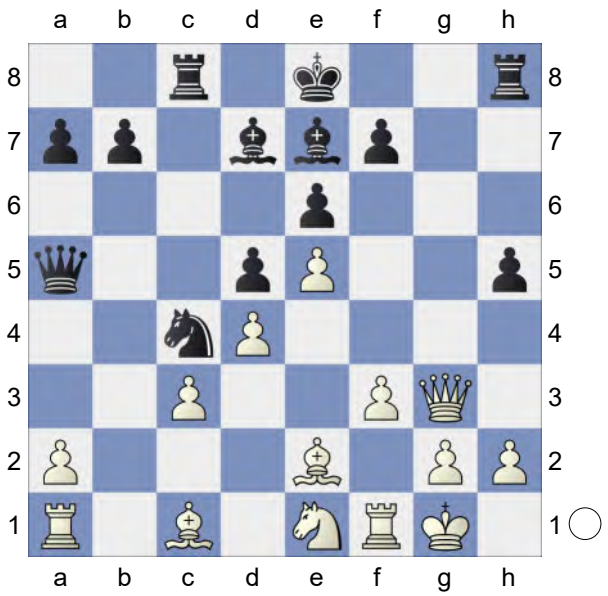


11.Qg4= g6 0.40/23
[11...Kf8!= -0.22/21]
12.Nc3± h5 13.Qf4 g5 0.76/21
[13...Nxc3± 0.37/21 is more appropriate. 14.bxc3 Na5]
14.Qe3± Nxc3 15.bxc3 g4

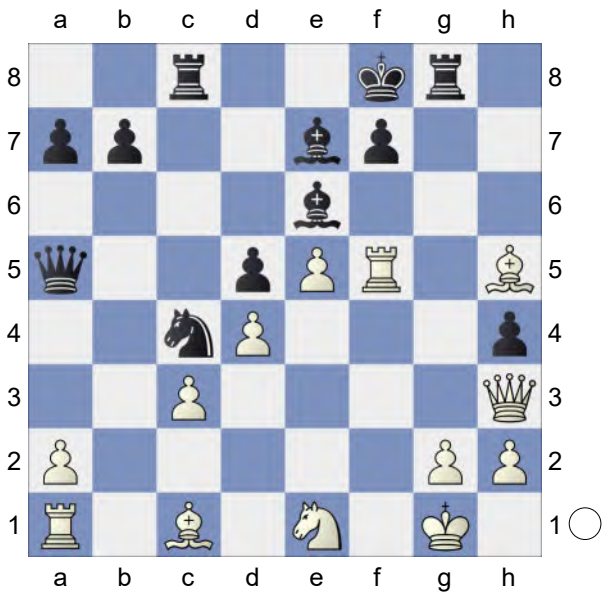


16.Ne1 Rc8 0.88/24
[16...Na5= 0.15/18 17.Be2 Nc4]
17.f3 Na5 18.Be2 Nc4 1.24/22
[⌓18...Qc7 0.77/21]
19.Qf4 g3 20.Qxg3
[20.hxg3?! Qa5=]
20...Qa5



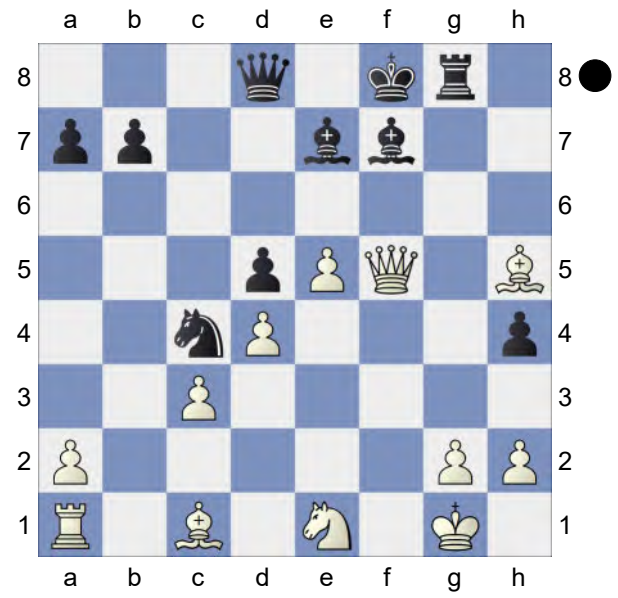
21.f4! h4 22.Qh3 0.91/19
[22.Qg7 1.51/19 Rf8 23.Rf3]
22...Rg8 1.42/17
[Black should play 22...Kd8 0.91/19]
23.Bh5 0.99/18
[White should play 23.Bg4 1.42/17]
This move loses the game for Black.
23...Kf8? 3.64/19
[23...Na3± 0.99/18]
24.f5+- exf5 25.Rxf5 Be6 7.44/18
[25...Nxe5 3.36/16 26.dxe5 *(26.Bh6+ Ke8+-)* 26...Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Qe6]

(Diagram)



26.Rxf7+!! D e f l e c t i o n **26...Bxf7**
27.Qxc8+ 2.92/18
[⌓27.Bh6+ 6.53/18 Ke8 28.Qxc8+ Qd8 29.Bxf7+ *(29.Qxb7 Bxh5 30.Nd3 Bf3=)* 29...Kxf7 30.Qf5+ *(30.Qxb7 Rg6+-)* 30...Ke8 31.e6]
27...Qd8? 7.75/20
[27...Kg7 2.92/18 28.Qxb7 *(28.Qg4+ Kh8+-)* 28...Qxc3]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.89
28.Qf5
[28.Qxb7 Bxh5 29.Qb5 Be8 30.Bh6+ Kf7∓]

(Diagram)



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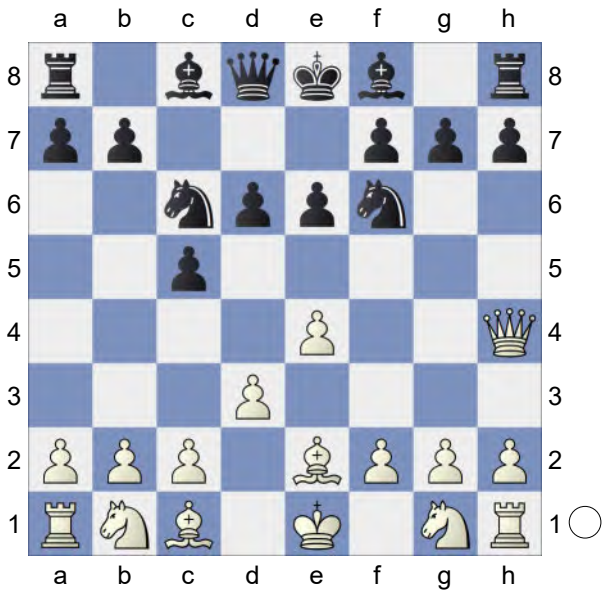
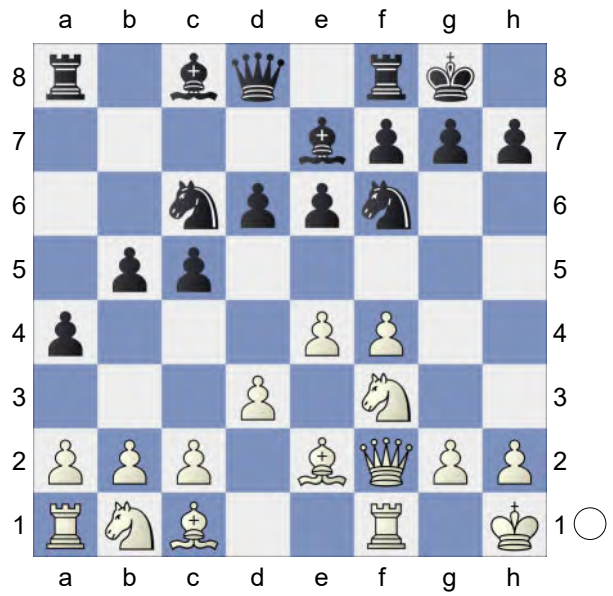
13 **B20**
□ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2832**
■ **Das** **2655**
Blitz 04.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Be2N
[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6 5.d3 e6

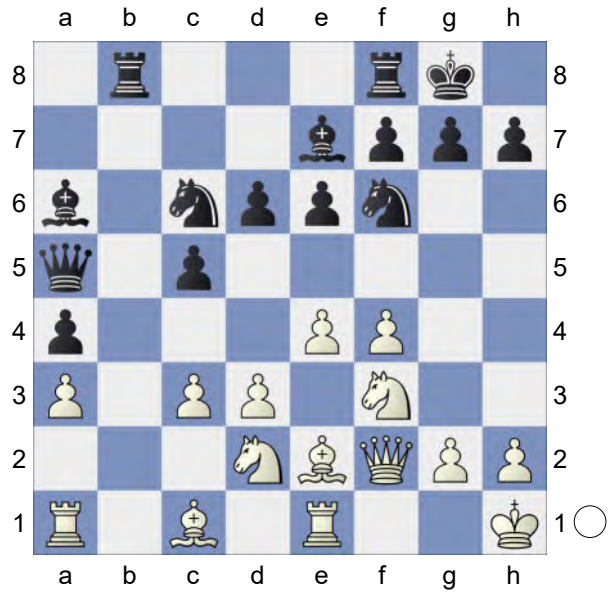


6.f4 Be7 7.Qf2 0-0 8.Nf3 Black is better. **8...b5 9.0-0 a5 10.Kh1 a4**

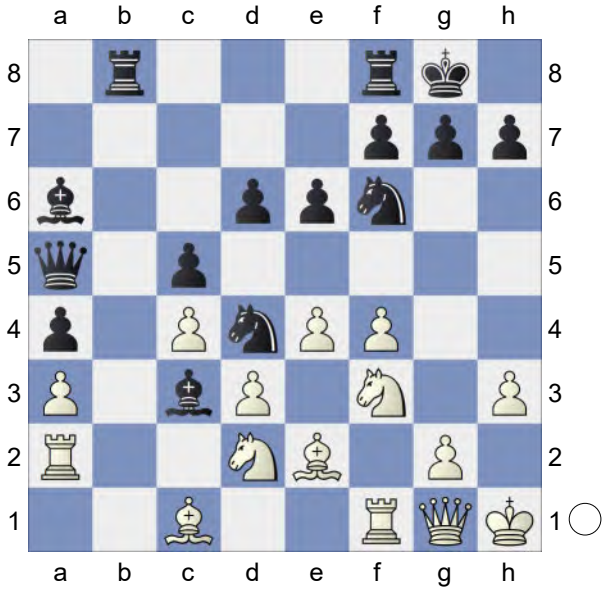
(Diagram)



11.a3 b4 -0.22/20
[11...d5∓ -0.69/17 is superior.]
12.Nbd2 -0.66/17
[12.h3= -0.22/20]
12...Ba6 0.45/18
[12...d5∓ -0.66/17]
13.c4 -0.87/20
[13.axb4± 0.45/18 keeps the upper hand. Nxb4 14.Ne1]
13...bxc3∓ 14.bxc3 Rb8 15.Re1 Qa5

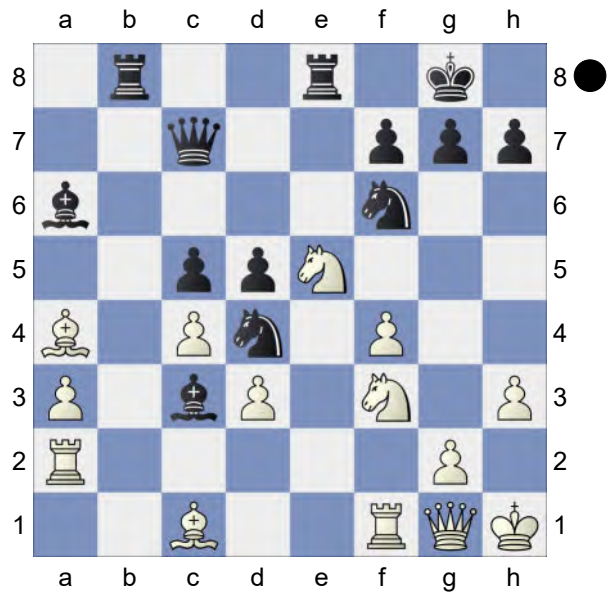


16.c4 Ng4 -0.36/19
[16...d5∓ -0.84/18 17.cxd5 exd5]
17.Qg1!∓ Bf6 18.Ra2 -0.79/17
[18.e5!= -0.27/22 keeps the balance. dxe5 19.Ne4]
18...Bc3∓ 19.h3 Nf6↑ Black has some pressure. **20.Rf1** -1.26/17
[20.Qf2∓ -0.69/18]
20...Nd4!

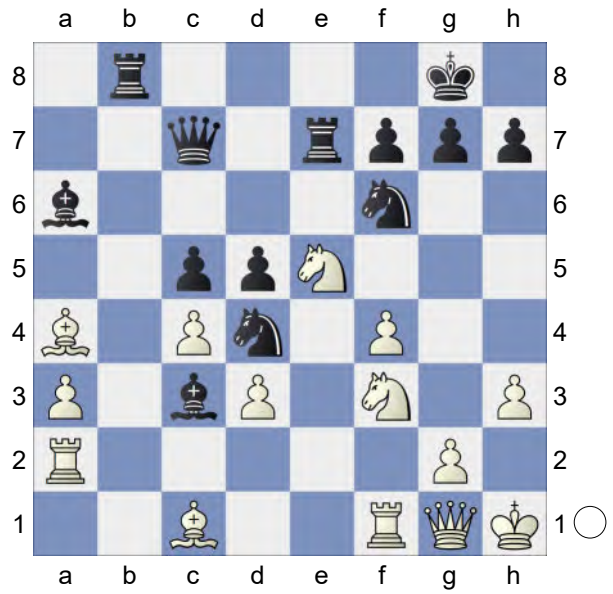


21.Bd1 -1.81/21
[21.Nxd4∓ -1.26/18 Bxd4 *(21...cxd4 22.Qf2=)* 22.Qh2]
21...d5 -1.41/18
[21...Nb3-+ -1.81/21 22.Be2 Nh5]
22.exd5 exd5 23.Ne5 Qc7 24.Ndf3 -2.49/17
[24.Bxa4 -1.77/18 Nh5 25.Qf2]
24...Rfe8? -0.92/21
[24...dxc4-+ -2.49/17 25.Nxc4 Nh5]
25.Bxa4

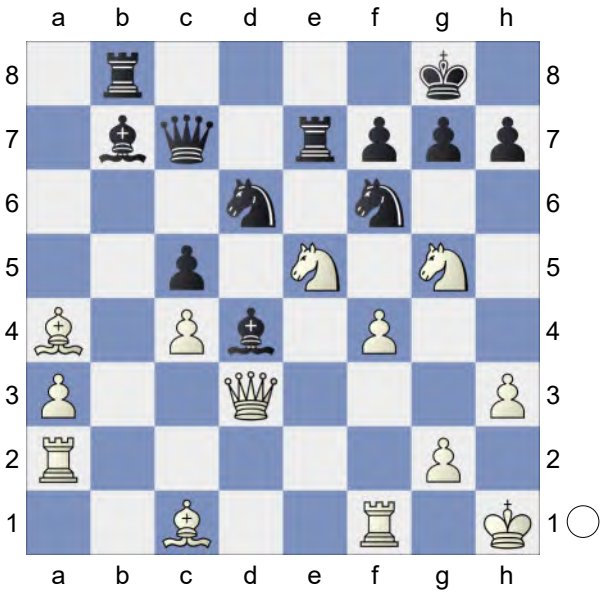
(Diagram)



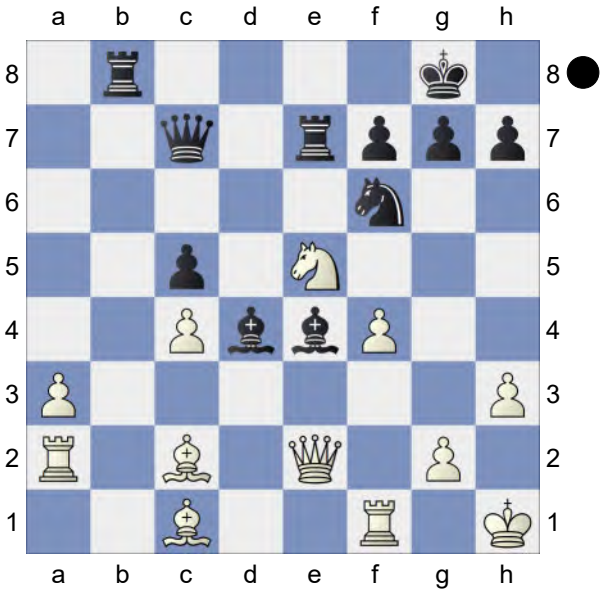
Re7 -0.88/19
[⌓25...Re6! -1.24/20 26.Bd2 Ne2]



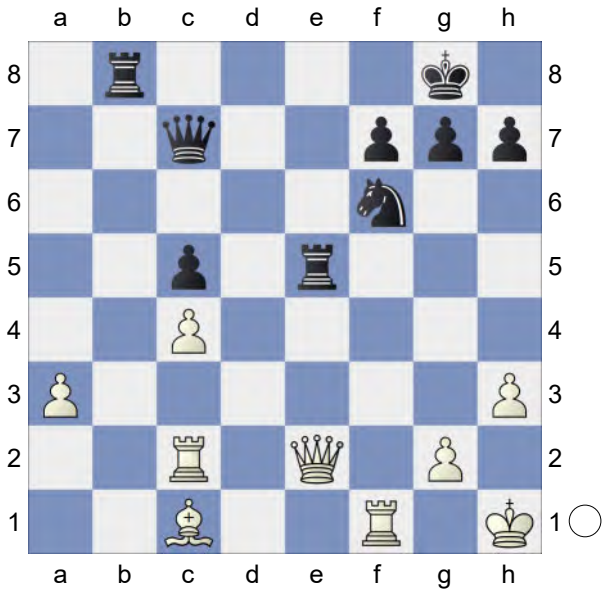
26.Ng5? -2.61/19
[26.Bd2∓ -0.88/19 Nxf3 27.Rxf3 Bxe5 28.fxe5]
26...dxc4-+ 27.dxc4 Nf5 28.Qf2 -3.79/19 Wards off Ng3+
[28.Ngf3 -2.46/17]
28...Bd4 29.Qf3 Bb7 30.Qd3 Nd6 -1.29/18
[30...Nh5-+ -3.91/19 is more deadly. 31.Re1 Nhg3+ 32.Kh2 f6]



31.Bc2 -2.60/22
[31.Re2∓ -1.29/18 is a better defense.]
31...Nde4 32.Nxe4
[32.Bb2? Nxg5 33.Bxd4 cxd4 34.fxg5 Ne4-+]
32...Bxe4 -0.87/19
[32...Nxe4-+ -1.86/21 33.Kh2 *(33.Bb2 Rd8∓)* 33...Rd8]
33.Qe2 -1.39/18
[⌓33.Qg3 -0.87/19]

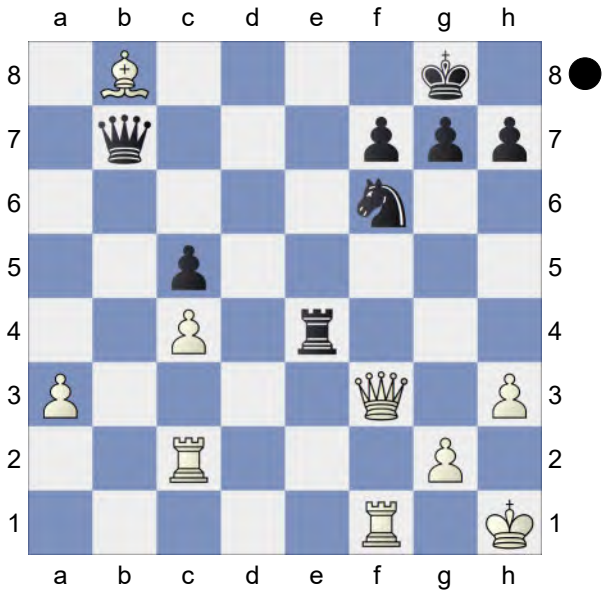


33...Bxc2 -0.32/20
[Black should play 33...Ba8!∓ -1.39/18
Hoping for ...g6!. 34.Bd3 Rd8]
34.Rxc2∓ Bxe5 0.13/18
[34...Rb1∓ -0.32/20]
35.fxe5= With the idea Qf2. **35...Rxe5** 0.69/21
[35...Nd7= 0.17/18]



36.Qf3± Bf4 is the strong threat.
36...Qb7? 3.17/21
[36...Rb1!± 0.52/19]
37.Bf4+- Re4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.57
38.Bxb8

(Diagram)



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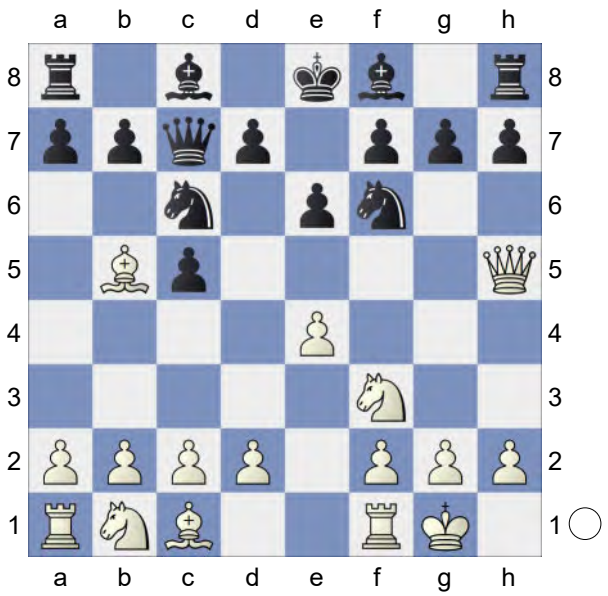
14 **B20**
□ **Hugiv Zasit** **2829**
■ **Balachess2006** **2715**
Blitz 18.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

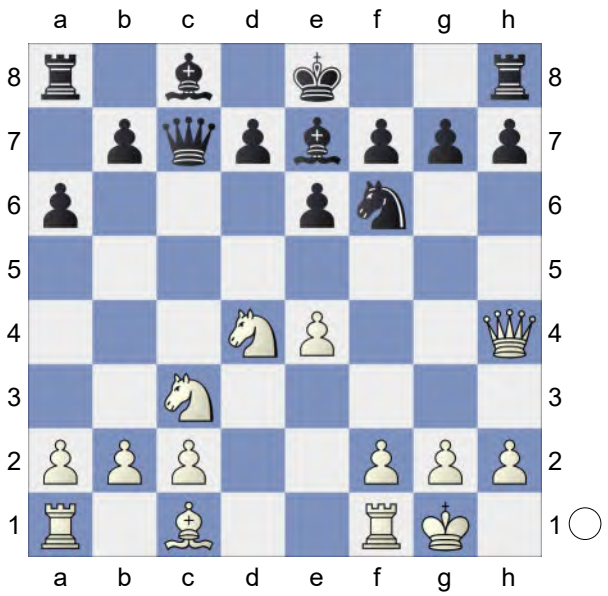
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Qc7 5.0-0 Nf6**

(Diagram)

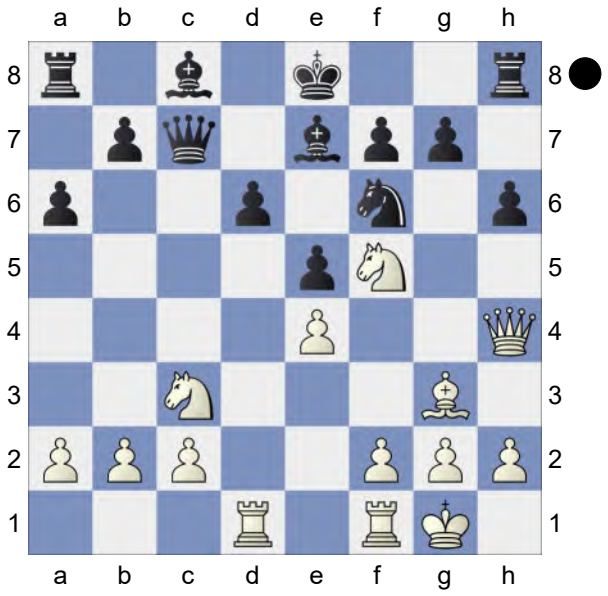


6.Qh4 Be7 7.Nc3N -0.59/19
[7.Bxc6= 0.00/19 Qxc6 8.d3 *(8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+* 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2) *)*]
7...a6 0.51/18
[7...Nd4∓ -0.59/19]
8.Bxc6± White is slightly better. **8...Qxc6**
9.d4 -0.08/19
[9.e5± 0.43/20 Nd5 10.Qg3]
9...cxd4= 10.Nxd4 Qc7

(Diagram)

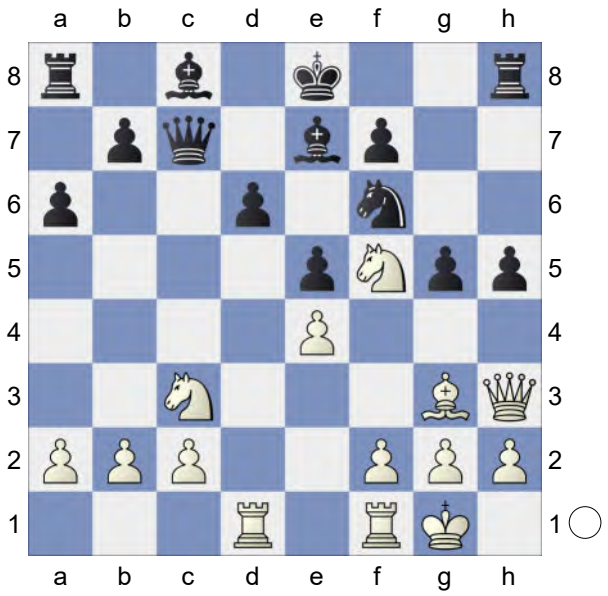


11.Bf4 -0.84/20
[11.Re1= -0.10/19]
11...e5? 2.41/22
[11...Qb6∓ -0.84/20 keeps the pressure on. 12.Be3 Qxb2]
12.Bg3? -0.42/22
[12.Nf5!+- 2.41/22 exf4 13.Nxe7 *(13.Nxg7+ Kf8∓)*]
12...d6∓ 13.Rad1 -2.98/22 **h6?** -0.97/16
[13...exd4-+ -2.98/22 14.Rxd4 Be6]
14.Nf5∓



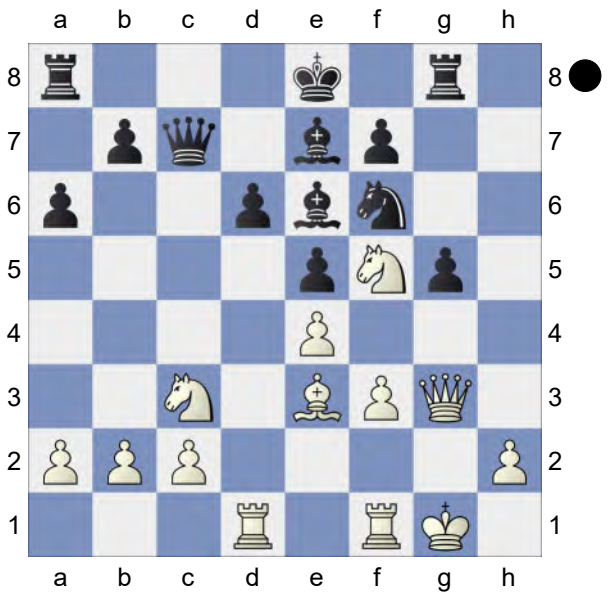
g5↑ Black is on the roll. **15.Qh3 h5** -0.25/22

[15...Qb6∓ -1.36/21 16.a4 Qxb2]

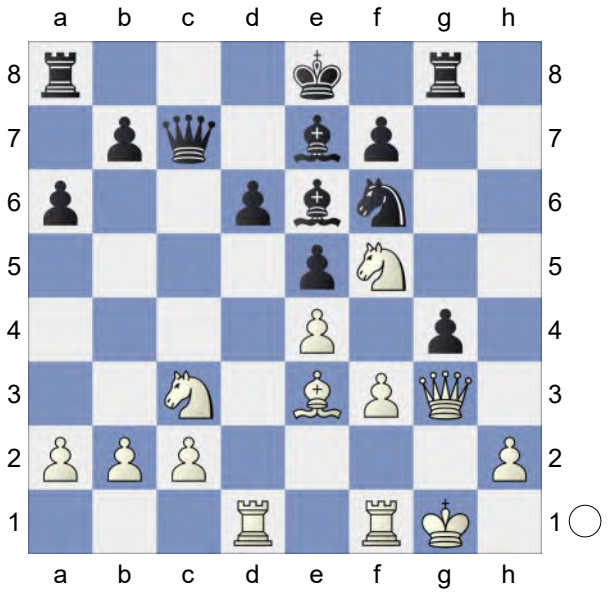


16.f3!= Be6? 2.03/21
[16...Rg8= -0.27/19]
17.Bf2? -0.26/18
[White has to play 17.Ng7++- 2.03/21 Kf8 18.Nxe6+ fxe6 19.Qxe6]
17...h4? 1.31/18
[17...Rg8= -0.26/18]
18.Be3? -0.28/19 White is more active.
[18.Ng7+± 1.31/18 Kf8 19.Nxe6+ fxe6 20.Qxe6]
18...Rg8 19.g4 hxg3 20.Qxg3 -1.60/19
[20.hxg3∓ -0.37/16 Qd7 21.Rd3]

(Diagram)



20...g4 -0.54/20
[20...0-0-0!∓ -1.60/19 ...Bxf5 would now be deadly. 21.Nxe7+ *(21.Bxg5? Bxf5 22.exf5 Nh5-+)* 21...Qxe7]



21.Nxe7 -1.73/19
[21.f4!∓ -0.54/20 Bxf5 *(21...Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Bxf5 23.fxe5±* Discovered Attack *)* 22.exf5]
21...Kxe7?? 2.34/17
[21...Qxe7-+ -1.73/19 avoids the disaster. 22.Qh4 *(22.f4? Nh5-+)* 22...gxf3+ Discovered Attack (Check)

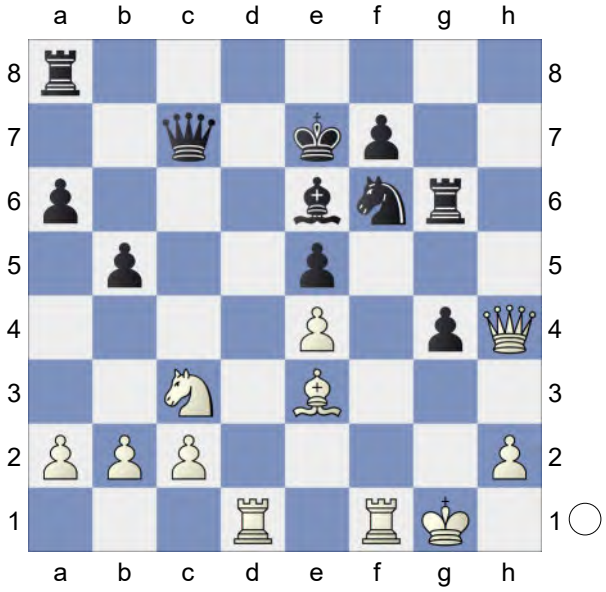
23.Kh1 Ng4 24.Qxe7+ Kxe7 25.Rxf3 Rac8]

22.f4+- b5? 5.37/17

[22...exf4 2.83/18 23.Bxf4 *(23.Qxf4 Rg6±)* 23...Ne8]

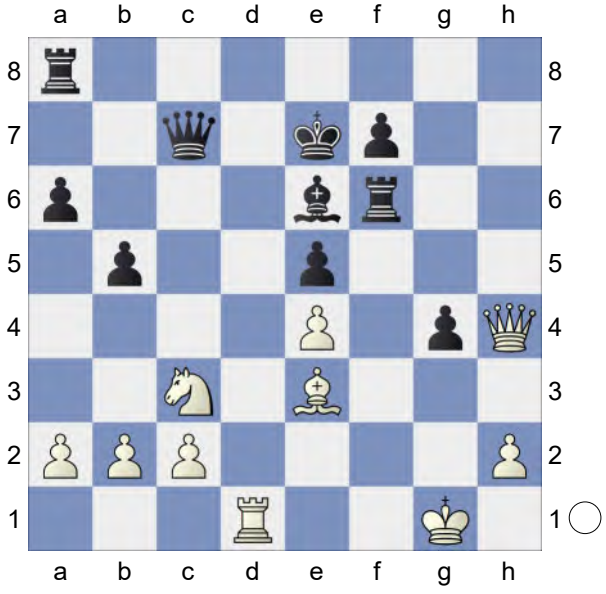
23.fxe5 White is clearly winning.

23...dxe5 24.Qh4 Rg6



Black is weak on the dark squares

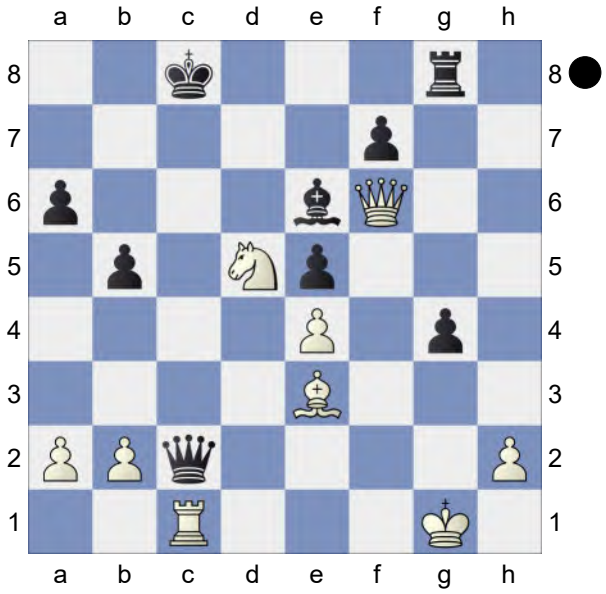
25.Rxf6! Clearance **25...Rxf6**



26.Rf1 Rg8 27.Qxf6+ Kd7 28.Rd1+ Kc8 29.Nd5 Qxc2 White used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=1.11

30.Rc1



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15 **B20**

□ **Kelevra317** **2828**

■ **Armrnia777** **2617**

Blitz 30.12.2019

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6

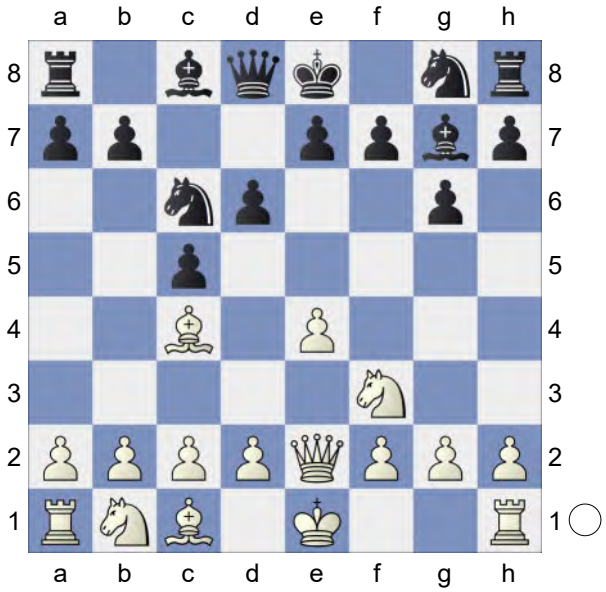
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-

Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

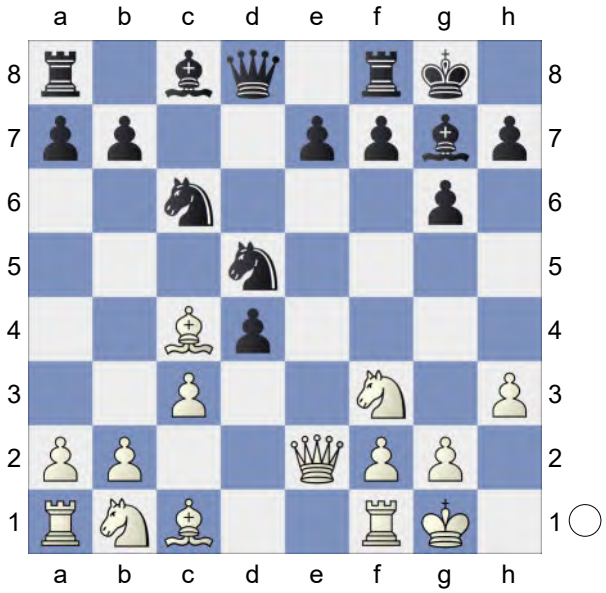
3.Bc4 g6N

[3...e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bg7



6.c3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.d4 cxd4**



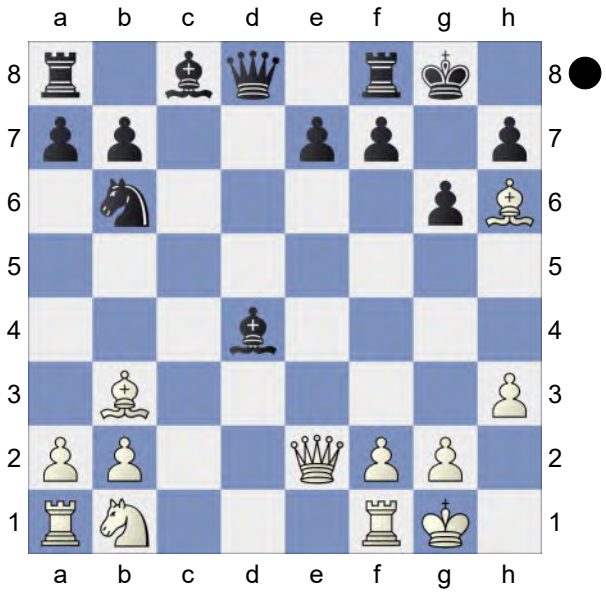
11.cxd4 Nb6 White must now prevent ... Nxc4!.

[11...Nxd4?! 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bh6=]

12.Bb3 Nxd4

[Of course not 12...Bxd4 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bg5=]

13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Bh6



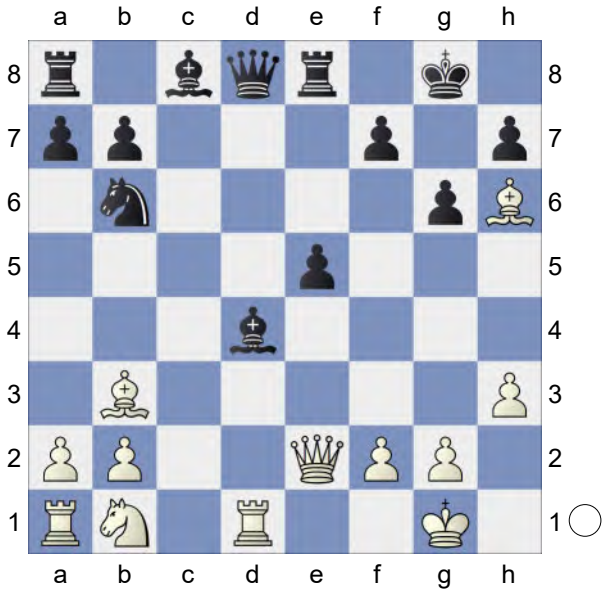
Re8 0.72/20

[14...Bg7!= 0.10/21 15.Bxg7 Kxg7]

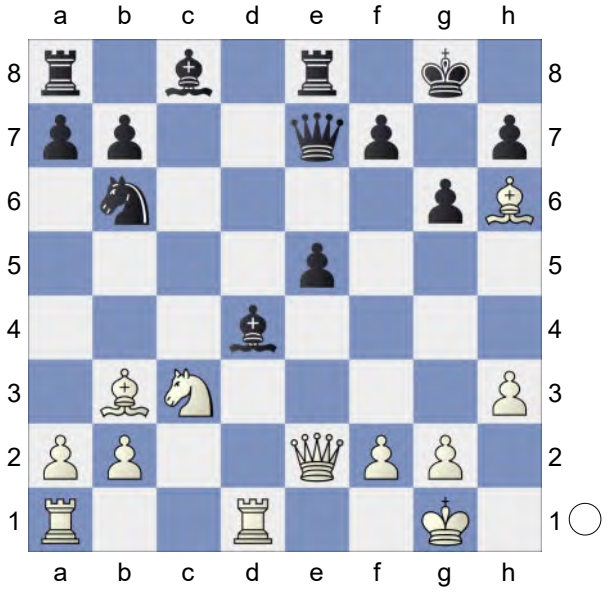
15.Rd1 0.11/23

[15.Nc3± 0.72/20]

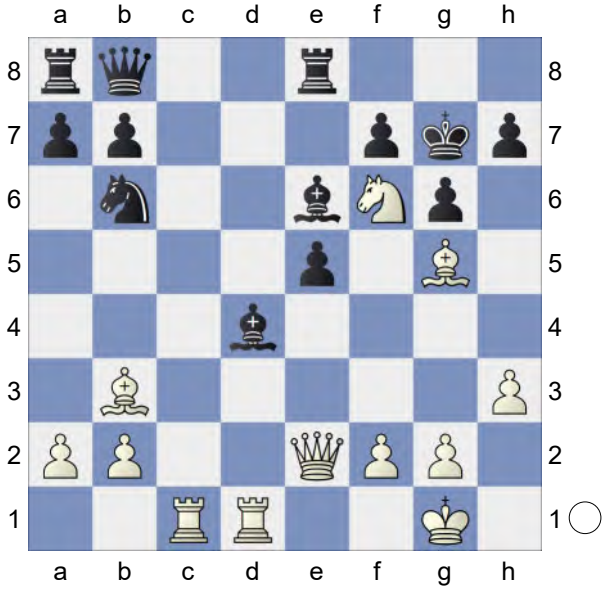
15...e5=



16.Nc3 Strongly threatening Ne4. White has compensation. Black cannot hold the game after this. **16...Qe7?** 3.33/22
[16...Be6= -0.19/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

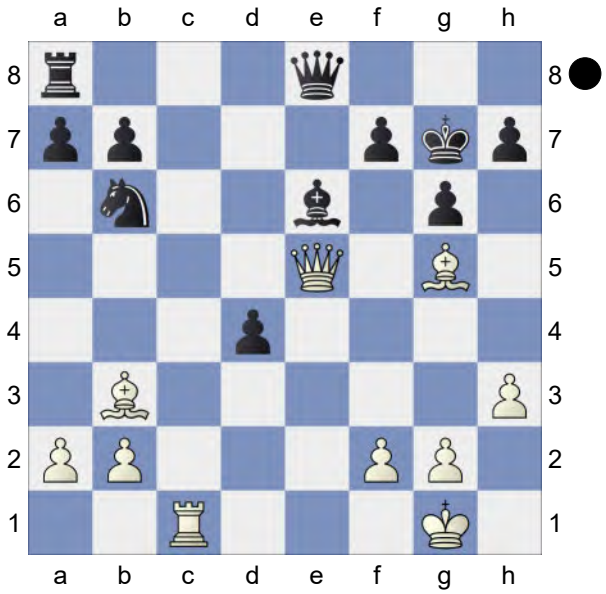


17.Ne4!+- Be6 18.Bg5 White is clearly winning. **18...Qc7 19.Rac1 Qb8 20.Nf6+ Kg7**



21.Rxd4 exd4 22.Nxe8+ Qxe8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.91

23.Qe5+



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16 **B20**
□ **Georgiev,Kiril** **2827**
■ **Das** **2611**
Blitz 12.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6
[4...e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3

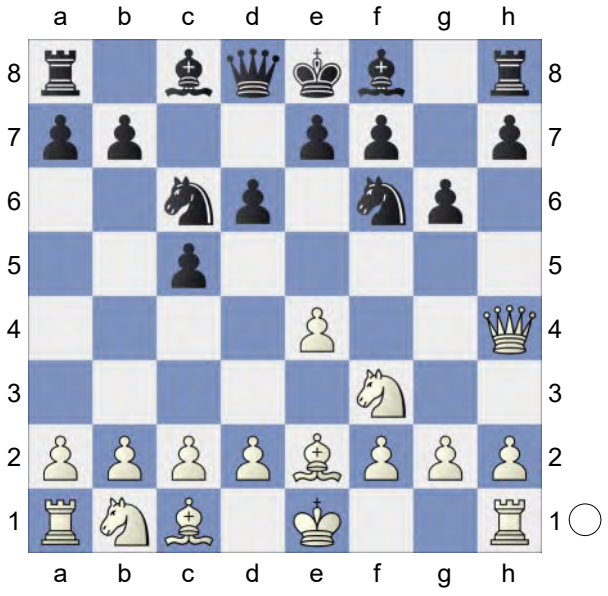
Be6 19.g4 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

5.Be2N

[5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 e5 *(6...g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 Bc6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Nxc6* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)*)* 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)]

5...g6 -0.68/22

[5...h6∓ -1.06/20]

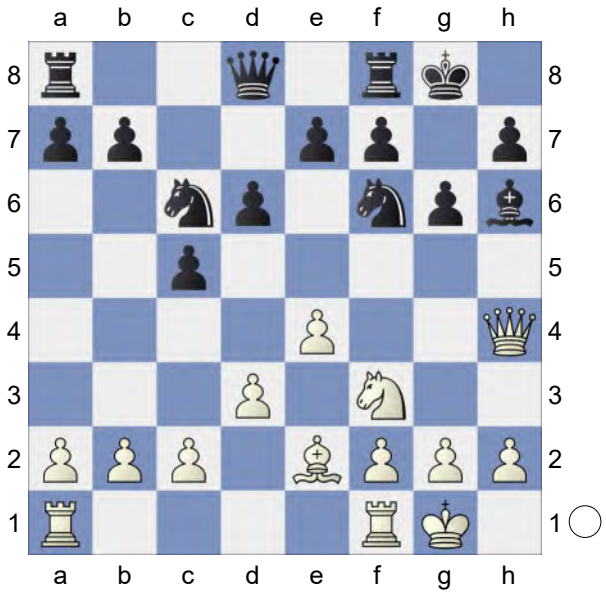


6.d3∓ Bg7 7.Bh6 0-0 8.0-0

Black is slightly better. **8...Bg4 9.Nbd2 Bxf3** 0.38/19

[9...Bh5= -0.10/17 10.Bxg7 Kxg7]

10.Nxf3 Bxh6



11.Qxh6 e5? 2.05/20

[11...Nd4= 0.06/20 12.Nxd4 cxd4]

12.c3? 0.34/18

[12.Ng5!+- 2.05/20]

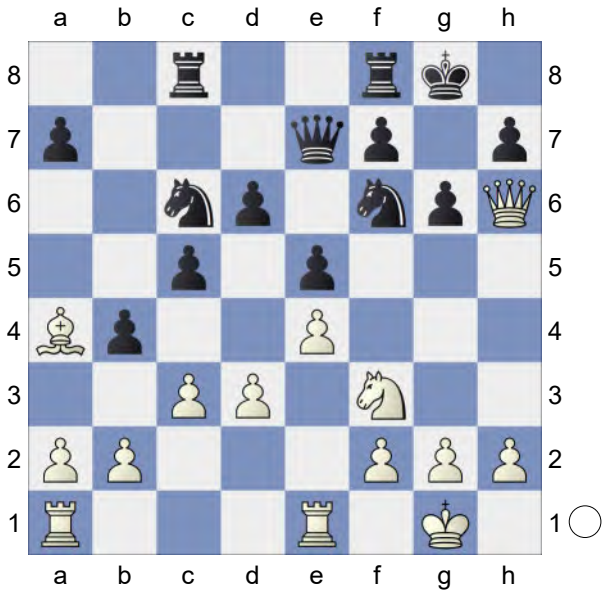
12...Qe7 1.37/19

[12...Ng4!± 0.34/18 13.Qd2 Nf6]

13.Rfe1 0.21/19

[13.Ng5± 1.37/19]

13...b5 14.Bd1 b4 15.Ba4 Rac8

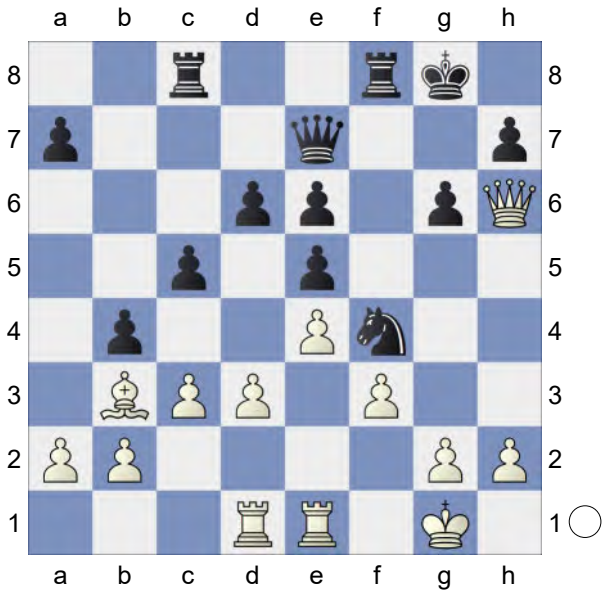


16.Ng5 Nd8 17.Bb3 0.34/18

White is much more active.

[17.cxb4± 0.76/22 cxb4 18.Bb3]

17...Ne6 0.77/20
[17...bxc3± 0.34/18 might be stronger. 18.bxc3 Ne6]
18.Nxe6!± fxe6 19.f3 0.07/21
[19.cxb4± 0.77/22 cxb4 20.Qh3]
19...Nh5 0.77/18
[19...a5= 0.07/21]
20.Rad1 0.00/18
[Better is 20.cxb4± 0.77/18 Nf4 21.Re3]
20...Nf4 1.17/20
[20...a5= 0.00/18]



21.d4? -1.75/23
[21.g3 Nh5±]
[21.cxb4!± 1.17/20 and life is bright. cxb4 22.g3]
21...c4-+ 22.Bc2 bxc3 23.bxc3 Rb8
24.Rd2 -2.48/20
[24.g3∓ -1.23/19 Rb2 25.Rc1 *(25.Rd2 Qg5∓* Decoy *)*]

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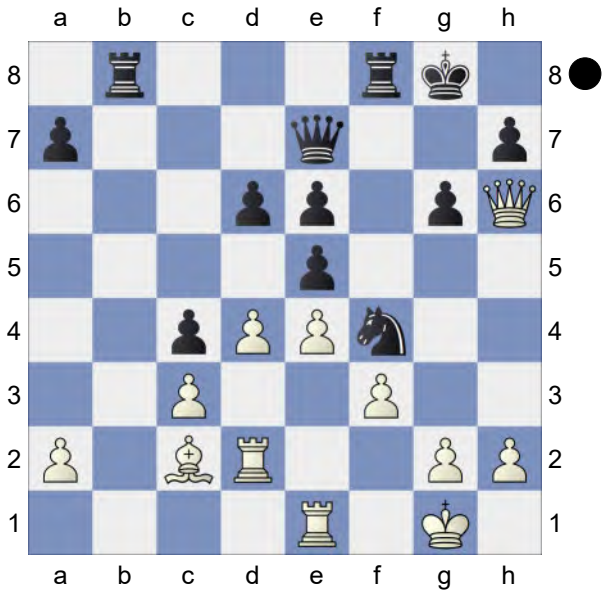
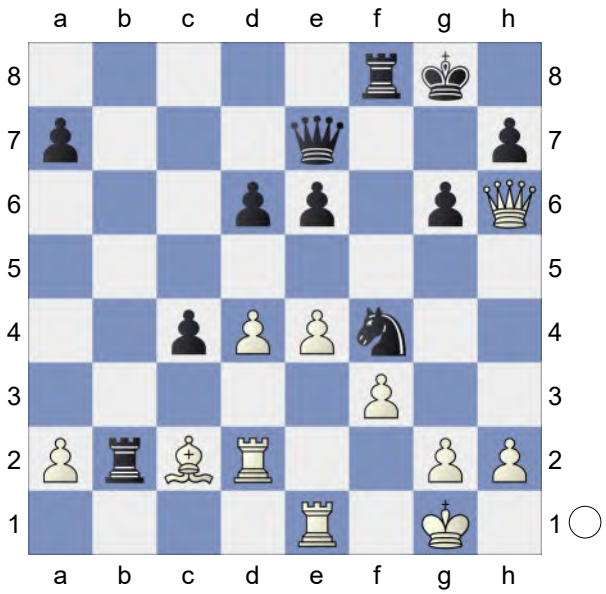


24...exd4! 25.cxd4 Rb2? -0.46/18
[25...Rb5-+ -2.91/22 26.e5 dxe5 27.dxe5 c3]

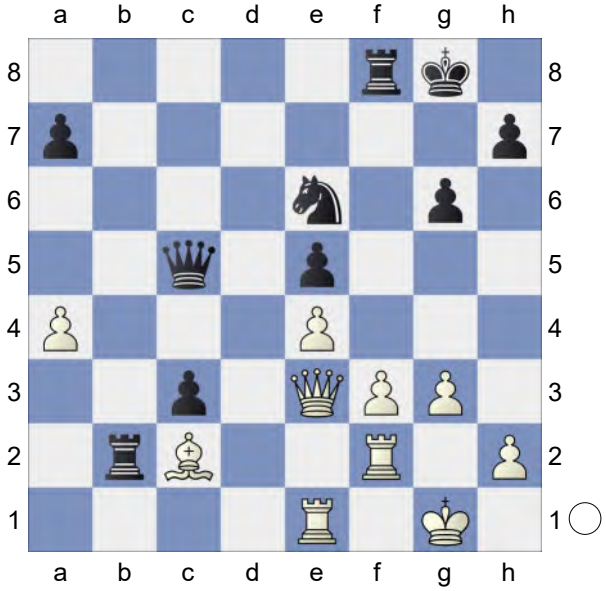


26.a4? -3.16/21
[26.g3∓ -0.46/18 Qg5 Decoy *(26...c3 27.Rf2+-)* 27.Qxg5 Nh3+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack 28.Kg2 Nxg5 29.f4]
26...c3 27.Rf2 e5 28.g3 Ne6
29.dxe5? -3.45/21
[29.Qe3 -1.81/17 exd4 30.Qe2]
29...dxe5 -1.86/17

[⌓29...Nd4 -3.45/21 30.Re3 Qxe5 *(30...Rxc2 31.Rxc2 Nxc2 32.Rxc3-+; 30...Nxc2? 31.Rxc3 Rb1+ 32.Rf1-+)* 31.Rxc3 Ne2+ Discovered Attack 32.Rxe2 Qxc3]

30.Qe3 Qc5 0.23/23

[30...Qb4-+ -1.75/19 and ...Nd4 should not be overlooked 31.f4 exf4 *(31...Nd4 32.Rc1∓)* 32.gxf4 Rxf4 33.Rxf4 Nxf4 *(33...Rxc2 34.Rff1±)* 34.Qxf4 Qd4+ *(34...Rxc2 35.Rf1∓)* 35.Kh1 Qd2 *(35...Rxc2 36.Rf1=)* 36.Qxd2 cxd2]



31.Qxc5= Nxc5 32.Re3 Ne6 33.Rxc3 Nd4 Repels Bb3+ **34.Kg2 Rf7 35.Bd1 Rfb7**

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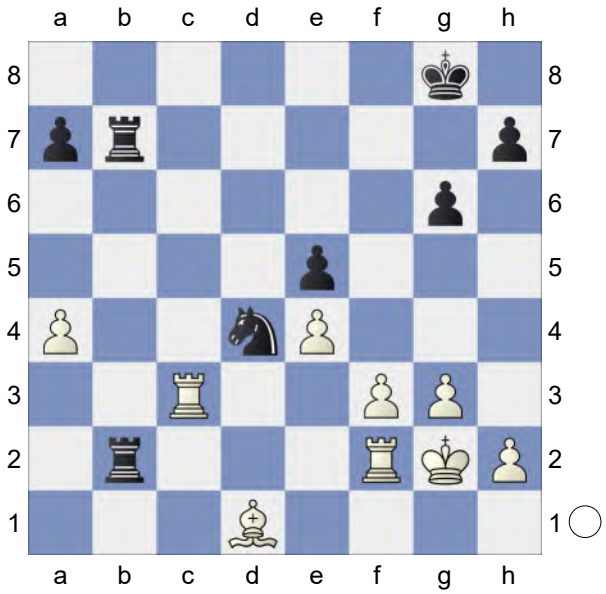


36.a5↑ White is more active. **36...Kg7 37.h4 Rxf2+** 0.64/18

[37...Kf6= 0.17/21]

38.Kxf2± Rb2+ 1.36/23

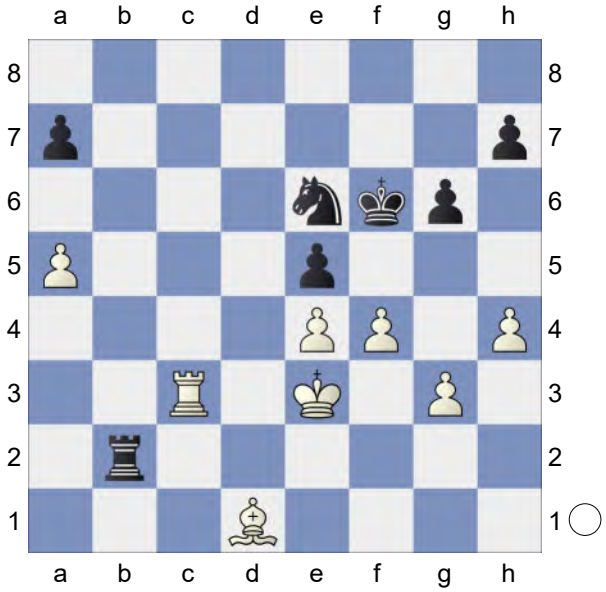
[Black should play 38...Kf6± 0.36/21]

39.Ke3 f4 is the strong threat. **39...Kf6** 2.46/19

[39...Ra2± 1.05/19]

40.f4+- Ne6? 4.06/19

[40...Rb5 2.45/20 41.Rc4 Ne6]

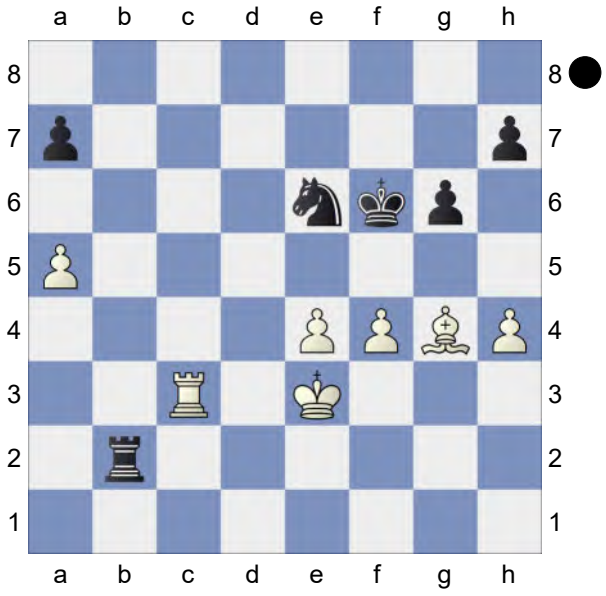


41.Bg4 exf4+ Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/

Black=0.66

42.gxf4



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17 **B20**

□ **Mrdalica** **2823**

■ **Prishtin** **2772**

Blitz 20.02.2025

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Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4

[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]

3...Nc6

[3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

4.Nf3 g6N

[4...e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qg3 Nb4 12.Bh6 Bf6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.Nf4 Kh8 16.a3 a4 17.Qf3 Ra6 18.Bc4 bxc4 19.axb4 0-1 (24) Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-Klimkowski,J (2296) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Mar blitz 2021 (7)]

[4...d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 *(6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)*)* 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

5.Bb5 Qb6

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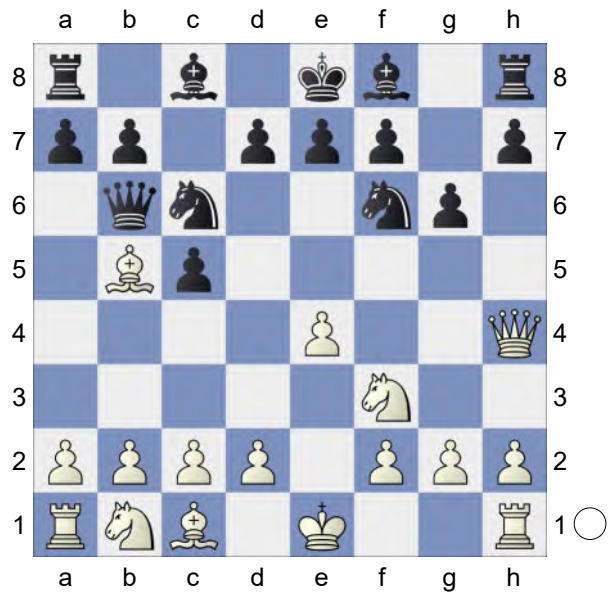
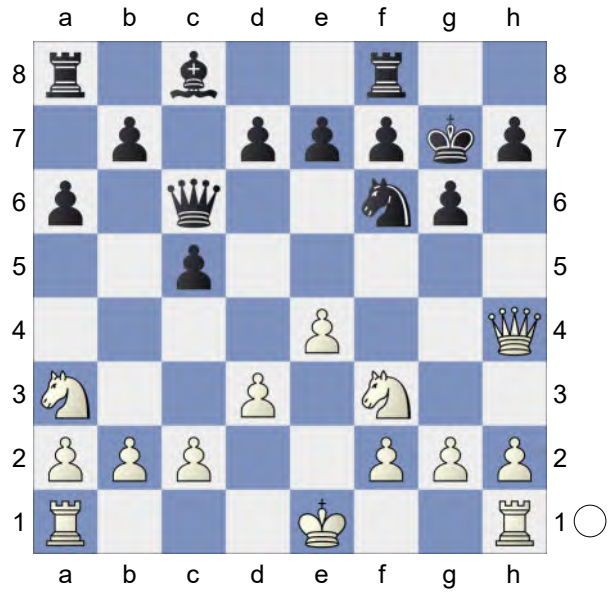
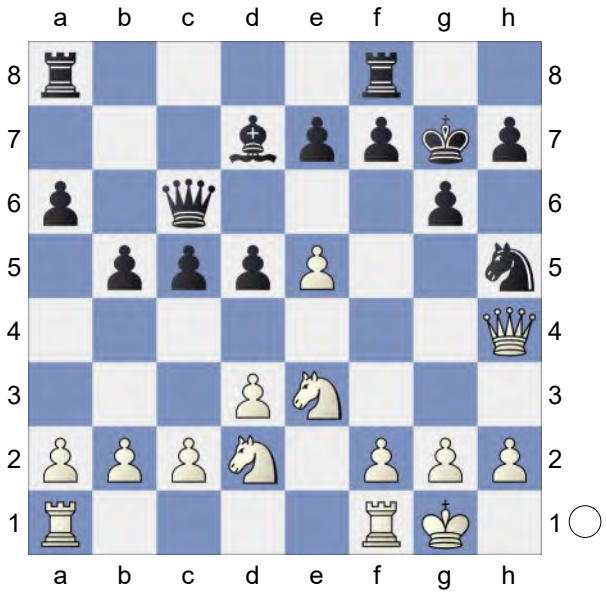


6.Na3 -0.59/19
[6.a4!= -0.09/19]
6...a6 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.d3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bg7** 0.01/20
[8...d5∓ -0.54/21]
9.Bh6= 0-0 10.Bxg7 Kxg7



11.Nc4 d6 12.Ne3 b5 13.0-0 Bd7 0.55/21
[13...e5= 0.00/18]
14.Nd2± d5 0.89/18
[14...c4± 0.47/19]
15.e5!± Nh5 1.56/18
[15...Ng8 0.89/19]



16.f4 0.06/19 White is more active.
[16.Qxe7 d4 17.Ne4 dxe3 18.fxe3 c4∓]
[16.d4!± 1.56/18]
16...d4= 17.Ng4 -0.41/21
[17.Nd1= 0.00/20 f6 18.f5 Decoy *(18.g4? Nxf4* Decoy *19.Rxf4 g5-+)*]
17...f6 0.03/19
[17...f5∓ -0.41/21 18.Nf2 *(18.Qxe7+? Rf7-+)* 18...Rf7]
18.Rae1 -0.34/19
[18.Nf2= 0.03/19]
18...f5 0.74/21
[18...Rae8∓ -0.34/19]
19.Nf2 -0.42/19
[19.Qxe7+? Rf7 20.Qh4 fxg4-+]
[19.e6!± 0.74/21 Bxe6 20.Qxe7+ Bf7 21.Ne5]
19...Be6 0.64/22
[19...Qe6∓ -0.42/19]
20.Nf3 -0.46/19
[20.Qxe7+± 0.64/22 Kg8 21.Nh3]
20...h6 0.51/21
[20...Ra7∓ -0.46/19]

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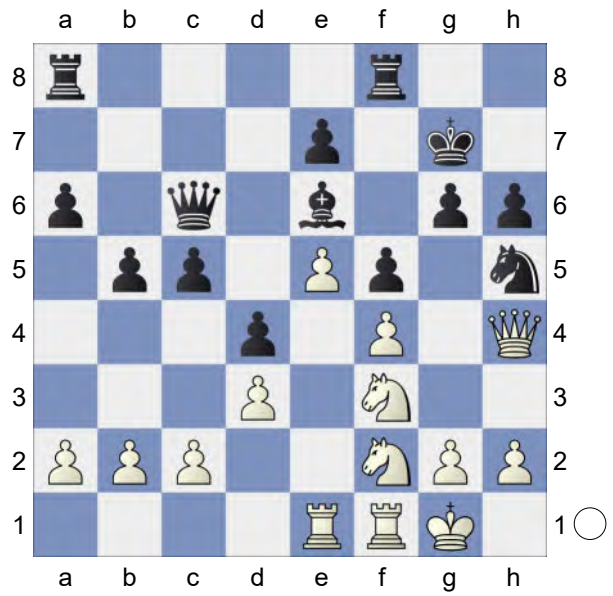
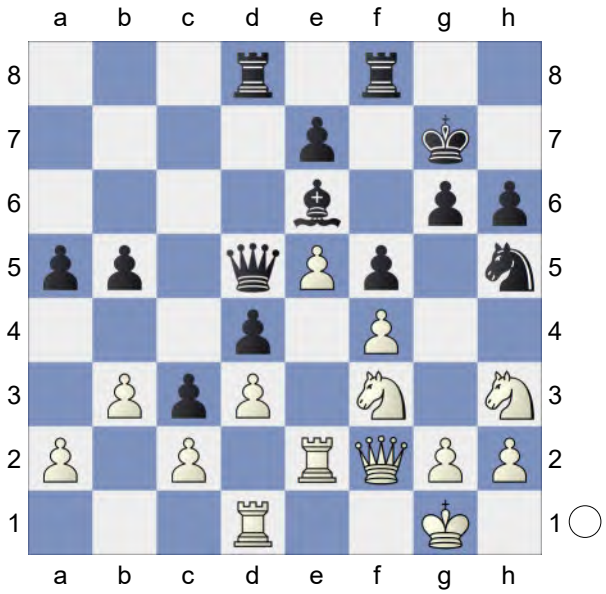
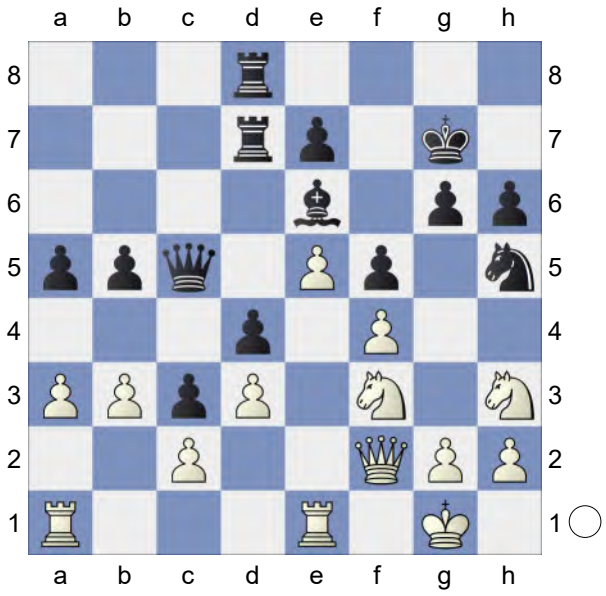


21.Nh3 -0.92/20
[21.Qxe7+± 0.51/21 keeps the upper hand. Rf7 22.Qd6 *(22.Qh4 a5±)*]
21...Rad8? 0.62/21
[21...Bxa2 22.b3+- *(22.Qxe7+ Rf7∓)*]
[21...Ra7∓ -0.92/20]
22.Re2 -0.72/21
[22.Qxe7+± 0.62/21 Kg8 23.Nh4]
22...c4? 0.98/18
[22...Bxa2? 23.b3+- *(23.Qxe7+ Bf7=)*]
[22...Rd7∓ -0.72/21 stays on course.]
23.Qf2? -0.61/19
[White has to play 23.Qxe7+± 0.98/18 Bf7 24.Qh4]
23...Qd5 0.23/21
[23...cxd3!∓ -0.61/19 24.cxd3 Bxa2]
24.Rd1 -0.46/21
[24.dxc4= 0.23/21 bxc4 25.Rd2]
24...c3 -0.04/22
[24...cxd3∓ -0.46/21 25.cxd3 *(25.Rxd3 Qxa2 26.b3 Bd5∓)* 25...Qxa2]
25.b3 -0.58/20
[25.b4!= -0.04/22]
25...a5 0.00/21
[25...b4!∓ -0.58/20]



26.a3 -0.43/23
[26.Ra1= 0.00/21]
26...Rd7 0.00/23
[26...Bc8!∓ -0.43/23]
27.Ra1 Rfd8 28.Ree1 Qc5 29.Qh4
[29.b4 axb4 30.axb4 Qxb4 31.Ra6]
29...Qc6 30.Qf2 Qc5 0.40/19
[30...Kh7= -0.06/17 should be considered.]



31.Kh1 -0.25/18
[White should play 31.b4!± 0.40/19

axb4 32.axb4]

31...Qc6 32.Re2 Rd5

[32...Qc5 looks sharper. 33.Qh4 Bd5 34.e6 Ra7]

33.Kg1 R8d7 0.42/24

[33...Qc5= 0.00/19]

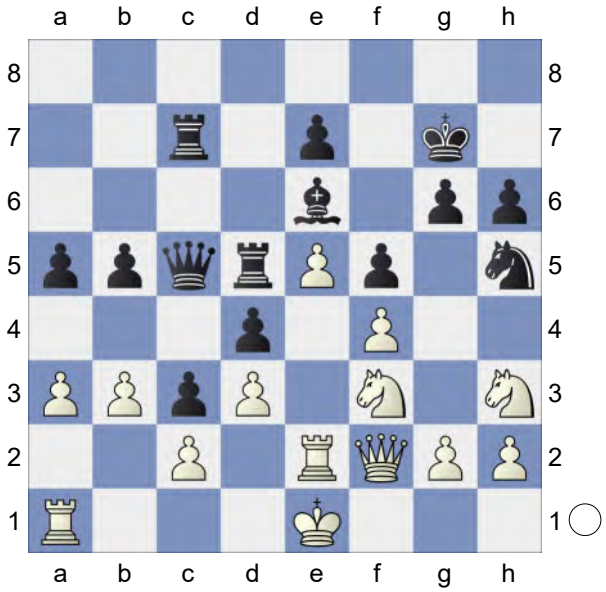
34.Kf1 Qc5 0.84/20

[34...Qb6± 0.44/21]

35.Ke1 0.00/20

[35.b4± 0.84/20 axb4 36.axb4 Qxb4 37.Ra6]

35...Rc7



36.Qh4 Rd8 37.Kf2 Bd5 38.Nhg1 Qc6 0.28/19

[Better is 38...Rcc8 -0.22/19]

39.Nxd4? -4.05/19

[39.Ke1= 0.28/19]

39...Qb6 40.Re3

[Not 40.Ke3? Bxg2 41.Rf2 Rxd4-+ *(41...Qxd4+? 42.Ke2-+)*]

40...Qxd4

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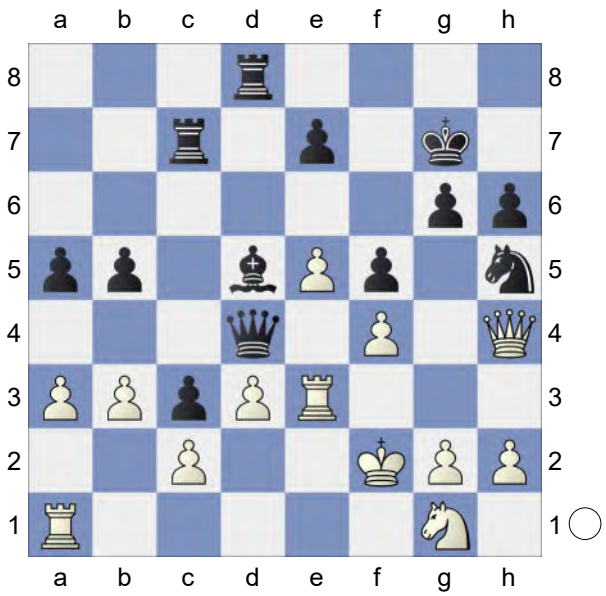
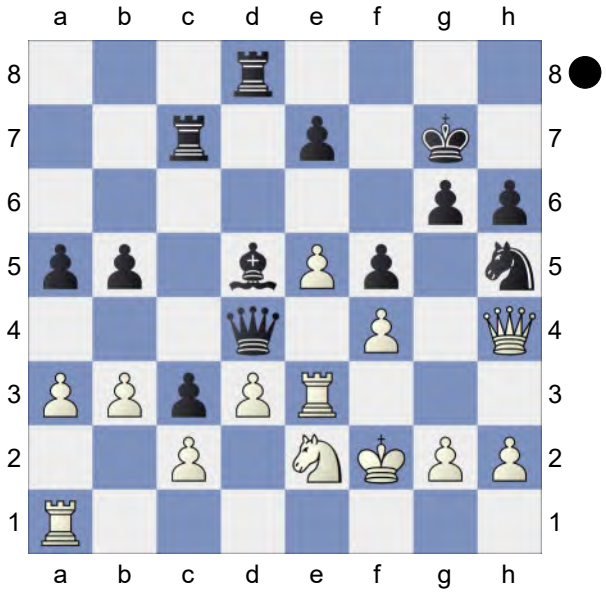


41.Ne2



Bxg2?? 3.98/19 White now steadily converts the win. **42.Nxd4+- Rxd4 43.Kxg2 Nxf4+ 44.Kh1 g5 45.Qg3 Ng6**

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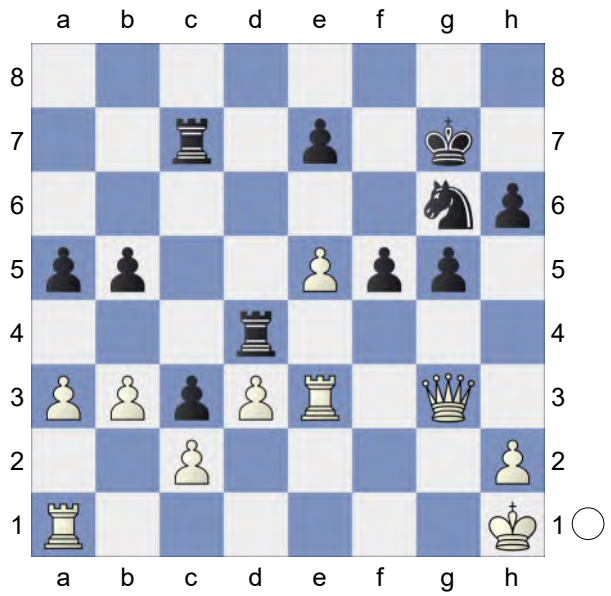
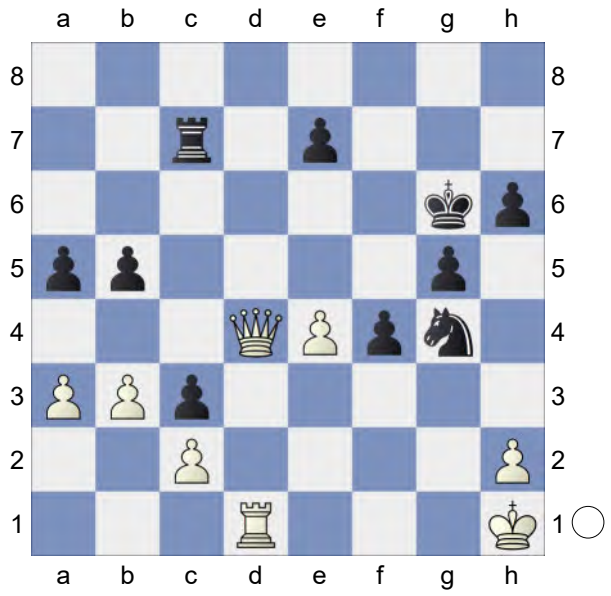


46.Qf2 White is clearly winning. **46...f4 47.Re4 Rxe4 48.dxe4 Nxe5 49.Rd1 Ng4 50.Qd4+ Kg6**



51.e5 e6 52.h3 Ne3 53.Re1 Kf5 54.Rxe3 fxe3 55.Qxe3 Endgame KQ-KR **55...Rd7**

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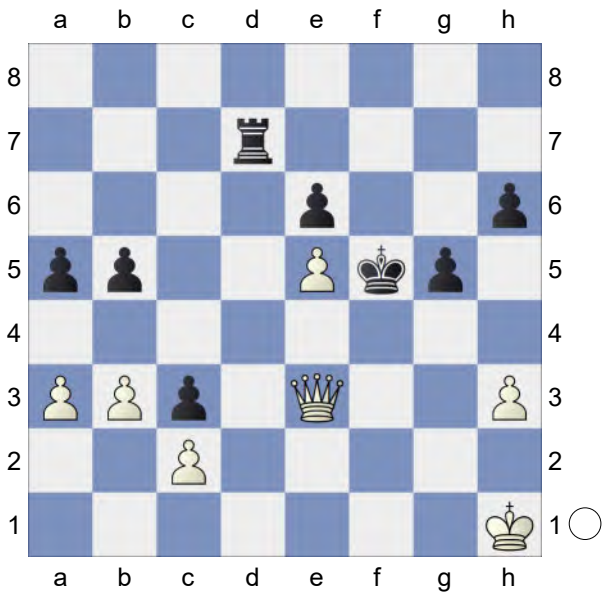
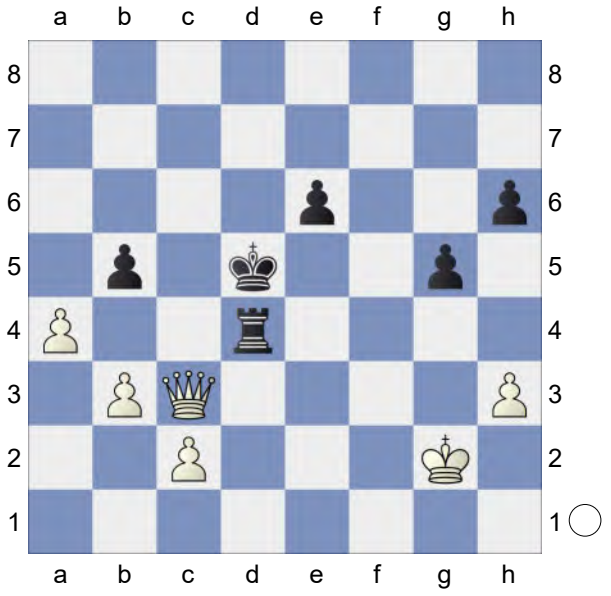


56.Qxc3 Ke4 57.Kg2 Rd5 58.Qxa5 Kxe5 59.Qc3+ Rd4 60.a4 Kd5



61.axb5 Rd2+
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62.Qxd2+

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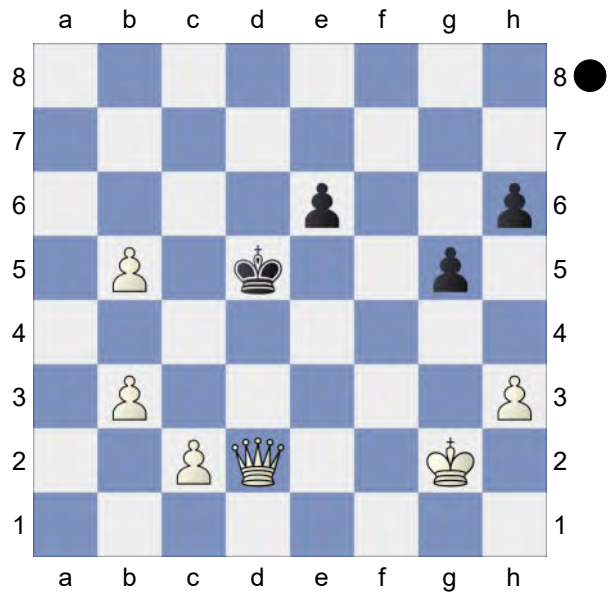

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18 **B20**
□ **Mrdalica** **2819**
■ **Balachess2006** **2705**
Blitz 01.10.2023
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B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Ne7N**
[5...Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

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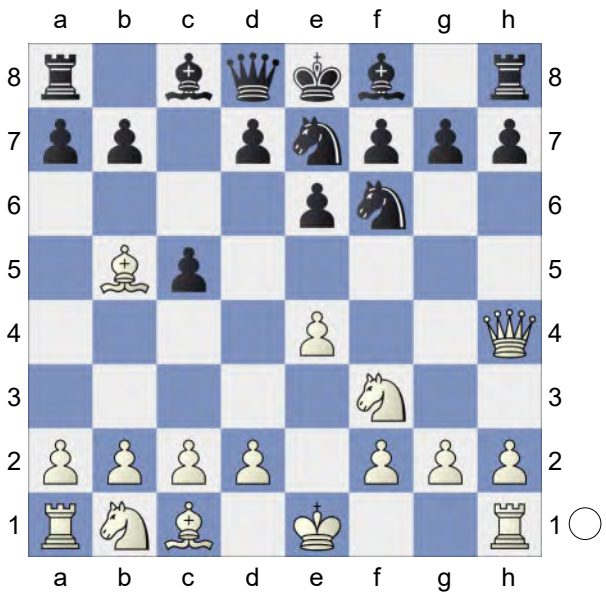
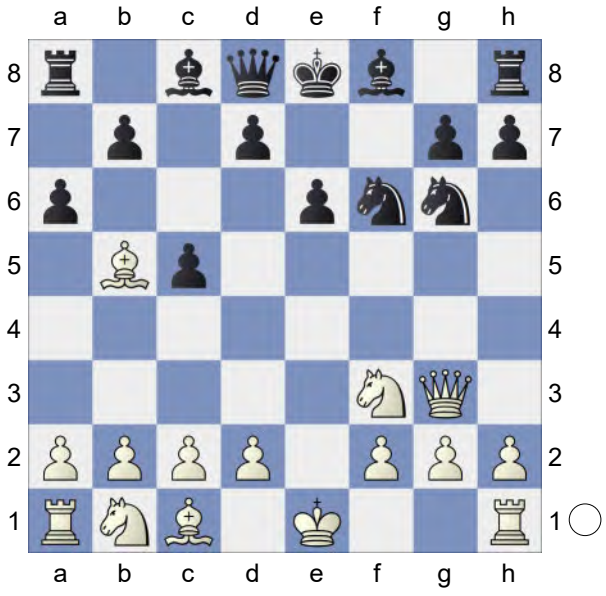
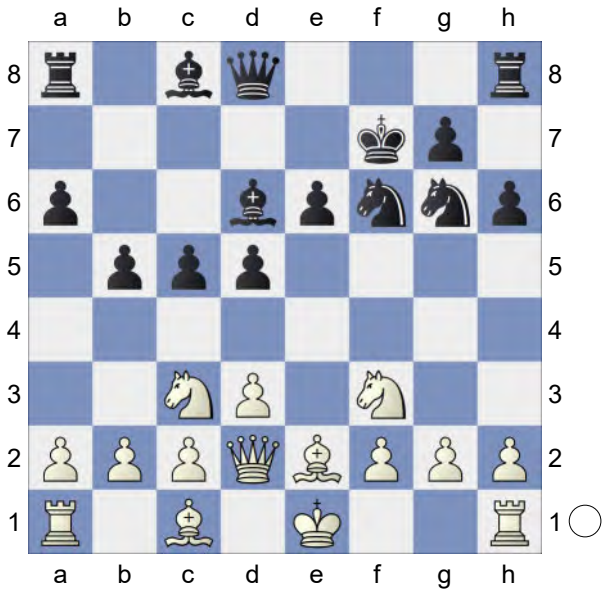


6.e5 Ng6 7.Qg3 Ne4 -0.22/20
[7...a6∓ -0.83/19 8.Bf1 Nd5]
8.Qg4= The position is equal. **8...f5** 0.73/22
[8...Qa5= -0.22/20]
9.exf6± Nxf6 10.Qg3 -0.43/20
White is more active.
[10.Qxe6+± 0.73/21 Be7 11.Ng5]
10...a6↑



Black has good play. **11.Be2** -1.42/21
[11.Bd3= -0.17/21]
11...d5 -0.90/20
[⌓11...Nh5 -1.42/21 12.Qg5 Qxg5

13.Nxg5 Nhf4]
12.d3 -2.01/18
[12.Bd3∓ -0.90/20 Ne7 13.0-0]
12...Bd6-+ 13.Qg5 Kf7 -1.38/16
[13...0-0-+ -1.98/20 14.b4 cxb4]
14.Nc3 -2.07/17
[14.c4∓ -1.38/16]
14...h6 15.Qd2 b5



16.a3 Bb7 17.0-0 d4 18.Nd1 -2.32/16
[18.Nb1∓ -1.56/16]
18...Nf4 19.Qe1 -3.54/18
[⌓19.Ne1 -2.14/15]
19...e5 -2.02/16
[⌓19...Nxg2 -3.54/18 20.Kxg2 g5]
20.Bxf4 exf4

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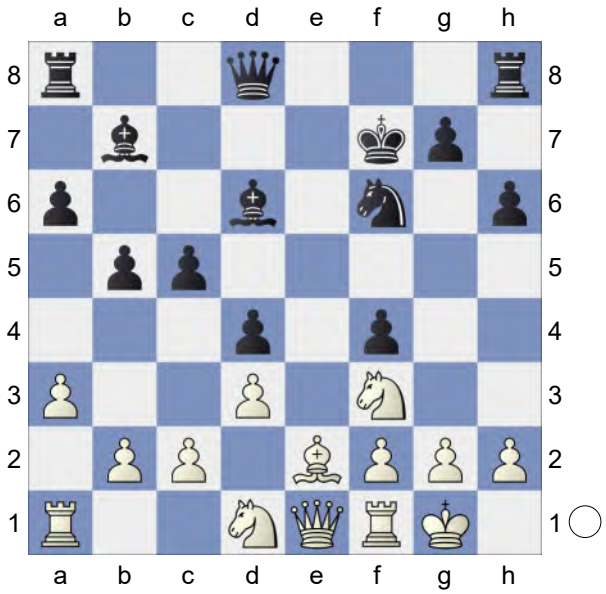
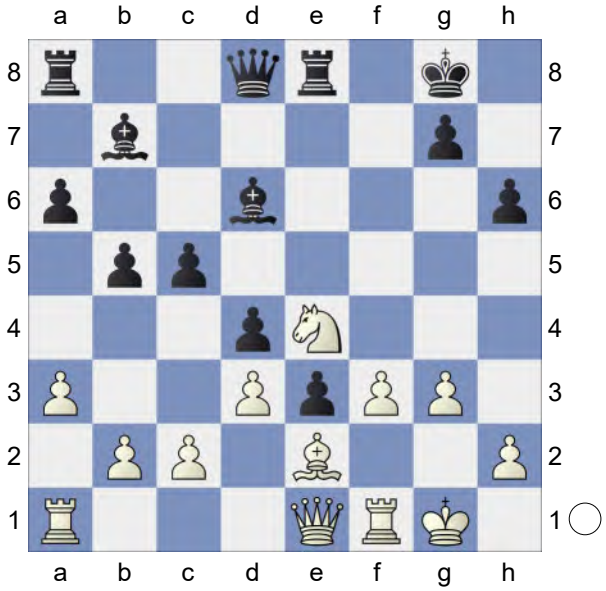


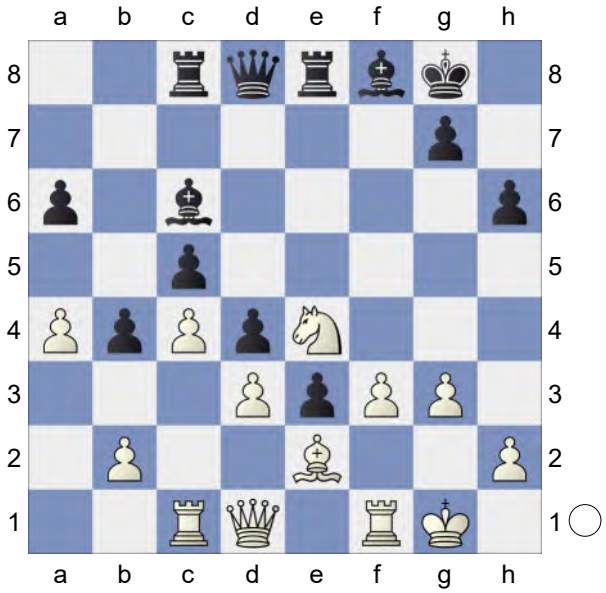
21.Nd2 White is weak on the dark squares **21...Re8 22.f3 Nd5 23.Ne4 Ne3** -0.94/16
[23...Kg8-+ -2.11/17 24.c4 bxc4]
24.Nxe3∓ fxe3 25.g3 -1.32/17
[⌓25.f4 -0.83/18]
25...Kg8



26.c3 -1.90/20
[26.b3∓ -1.30/16]
26...Bf8 27.Rc1 Rc8 -1.47/16
[27...Kh8-+ -1.99/18 28.cxd4 cxd4 *(28...Qxd4 29.Qc3∓)*]
28.Qd1 Bd5 29.a4 -1.79/17

[29.cxd4∓ -1.37/15 was worth a try. cxd4 30.Rxc8 Qxc8 31.b4]

29...b4-+ 30.c4 Bc6



31.b3 Bd6 -1.44/18

[31...Rc7-+ -1.83/19 32.f4 Rd7]

32.Qc2 -2.44/20

[32.f4∓ -1.44/18]

32...Rf8 -1.03/16

[32...g5!-+ -2.44/20 has better winning chances. 33.f4 gxf4 34.Nxd6 Remove Defender Qxd6 35.Rxf4 Rf8 36.Rxf8+ Rxf8]

33.f4∓ Qe7 34.Bf3 Bxe4 -0.06/19

[34...Bd7∓ -1.18/17 35.Rce1 Bf5]

35.Bxe4 g5

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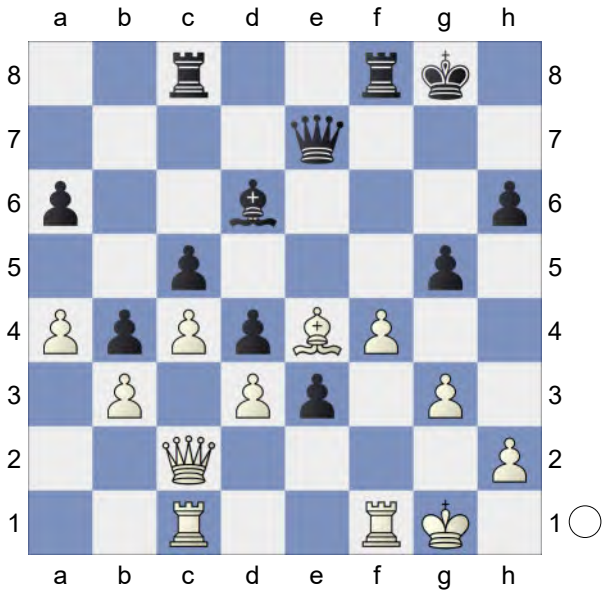

36.f5

[36.fxg5 Qxg5 37.Rxf8+ Rxf8 38.Rf1]

36...g4 37.Qe2

[37.f6 looks sharper. Rxf6 38.Rxf6 Qxf6 39.Rf1]

37...h5 With the idea ...Rf6. **38.h3?** -2.69/18 **Qe5?** -0.86/20

[38...gxh3 39.Qxh5 Qh7 40.Qg4+ Qg7 41.Bd5+ *(41.Qxh3 Rf6=)* 41...Kh7 42.Qxh3+ Qh6 43.Qxh6+ Kxh6 44.Kg2±]

[38...Bxg3-+ -2.69/18 39.Bd5+ Kg7 40.hxg4 Qg5]

39.hxg4 Qxg3+ 40.Qg2 e2 0.00/18

[40...Qxg4 41.f6∓]

[40...Qxg2+ 41.Kxg2 hxg4 42.Rh1]

[40...Qh4!∓ -1.50/19 White must now prevent ...Kh8. 41.f6 Rxf6 42.Rxf6 Qxf6]

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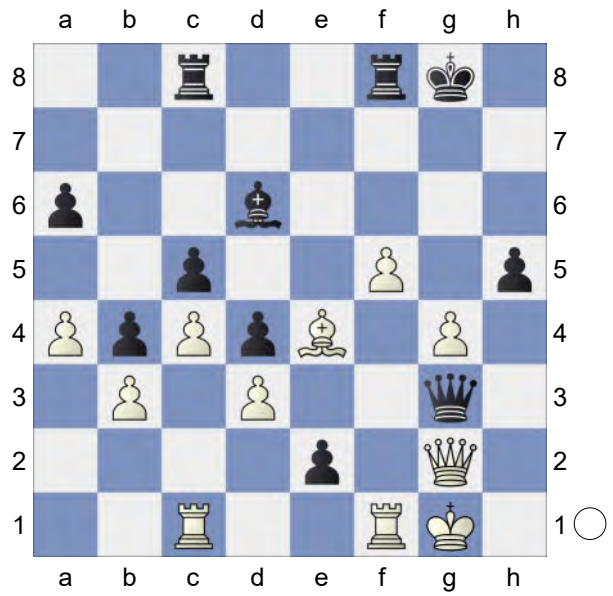
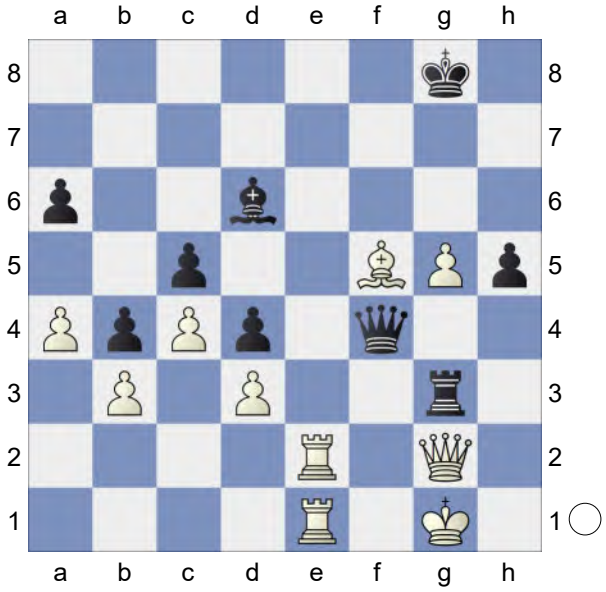
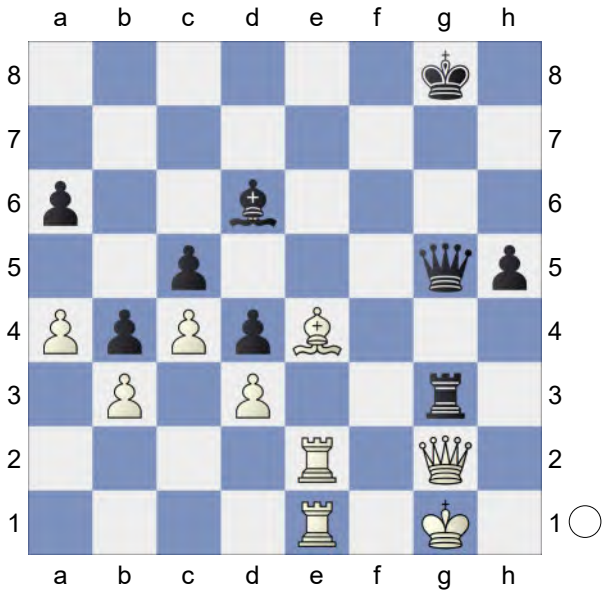


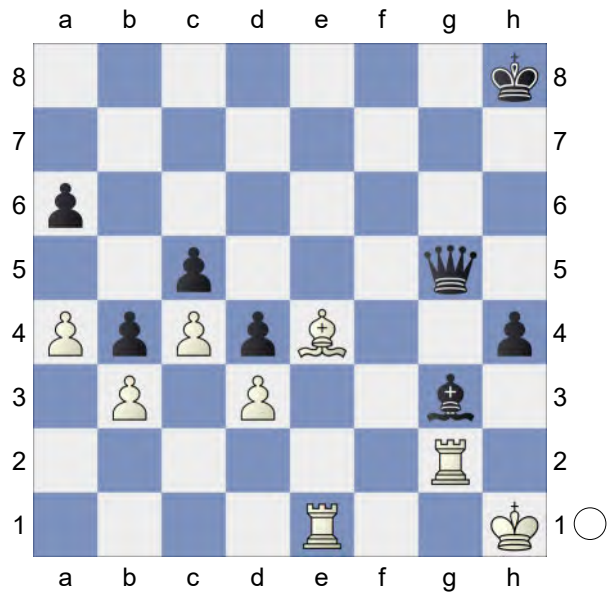
41.Rfe1 -0.81/19
[41.Rf2= 0.00/18 remains equal.]
41...Qf4? 1.03/16
[41...Qxg4 42.Rxe2 Kh8 43.Qxg4 hxg4 44.Rf1=]
[41...Qe3+∓ -0.81/19 42.Qf2 Qg5 *(42...hxg4 43.Qxe3 dxe3 44.Rxe2∓; 42...Bf4 43.Rc2=)* 43.Qxe2 Rf6]
42.g5? -4.51/20 Some like it hot
[42.Rc2!± 1.03/16 and life is bright.]
42...Rce8!-+
[42...Qe3+ 43.Qf2 Qxg5+ 44.Qg2-+]
43.Rc2
[43.Qxe2? Rxf5 *(43...Qxg5+ 44.Qg2∓)* 44.Qg2 Rxe4 *(44...Rxg5? 45.Rc2-+)* 45.dxe4 Rxg5]
43...Rxf5?? 4.26/19
[43...Rxe4!-+ -4.74/20 44.dxe4 d3 45.Rcxe2 dxe2 46.Qxe2 Qxg5+ 47.Qg2 Bg3]
44.Bxf5+-
[44.Qxe2 Qg3+ *(44...Rxg5+? 45.Qg2-+)* 45.Kh1 Rxg5 46.Bd5+ Kg7]
44...Re3 45.Rcxe2? 0.00/23
[45.Qd5++- 3.60/18 Kg7 46.Rcxe2 *(46.Rexe2 Rg3+ 47.Rg2 Rxg2+ 48.Qxg2 Qxf5+-)* 46...Qxg5+ 47.Rg2 Pin Rxe1+ 48.Kf2 Bg3+ 49.Rxg3 Pin Re2+ 50.Kxe2 Qxg3 51.Qf3 *(51.Qxc5 Qg2+ 52.Ke1 Qg1+ 53.Ke2 Qg2+ 54.Ke1 Qg1+ 55.Ke2 Qg2+=)* 51...Qe5+ 52.Be4]
45...Rg3!=



Pin, Double Attack **46.Be4 Qxg5?** 3.58/19
[46...Kg7= 0.00/22]



47.Kf1! 0.00/25 **Rxg2 48.Rxg2** Pin **48...Bg3 49.Kg1 h4 50.Kh1 Kh8**



51.Reg1 Qf4 52.Bb7 -1.00/23
[52.Ra1= 0.00/31]
52...a5 0.00/27
[Better is 52...Qf5∓ -1.00/23 (-> …Qh3+) 53.Rd1 Qh3+ 54.Kg1 Bh2+ 55.Kf1 Bf4 *(55...Qf5+ 56.Rf2∓)*]
53.Bc8 -4.32/21
[53.Be4= 0.00/27 and White stays safe.]
53...Qf3-+ 54.Bh3 Bf4 -2.18/22
[⌓54...Kh7 -5.29/18 55.Be6 Kh6 *(55...Qxd3? 56.Bd5-+)*]
55.Bg4 Qc6 0.00/29
[55...Qxd3-+ -2.77/27 56.Re1 Qc3 *(56...Qxb3? 57.Re8+ Kg7 58.Bd1+ Kf7 59.Bxb3+-)* 57.Re8+ Kg7]

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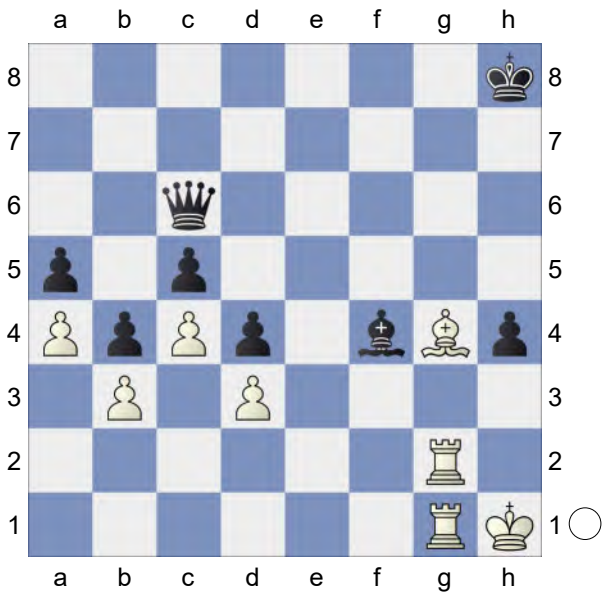
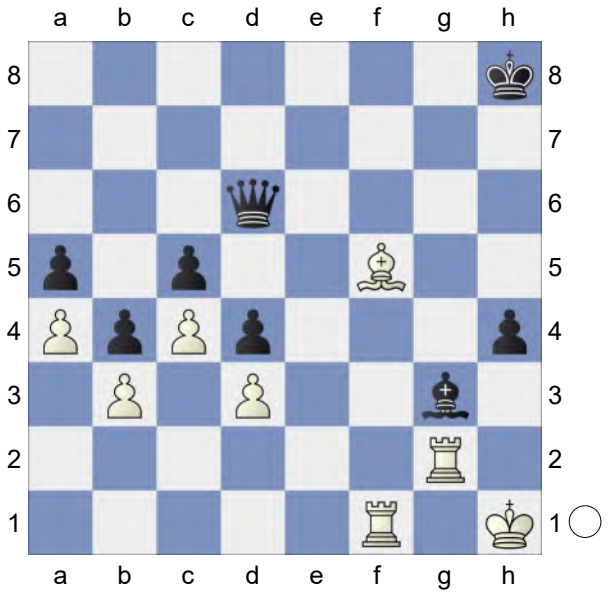
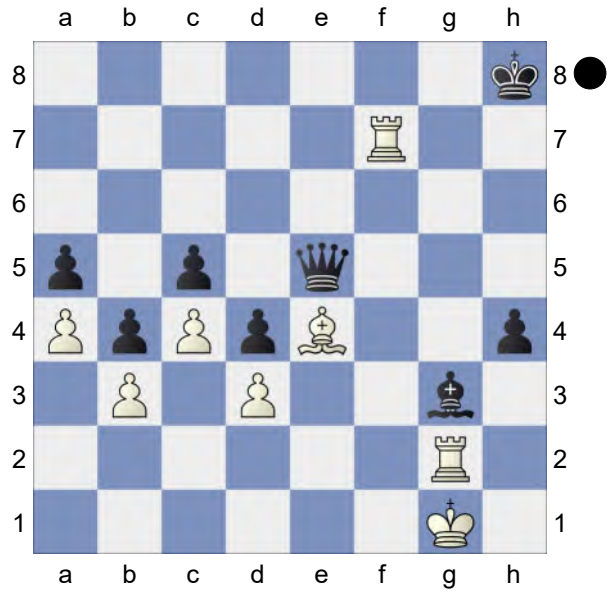


56.Bf5 -0.46/26
[56.Rf1= 0.00/29 Bg3 57.Rf5]
56...Bg3 0.00/27
[56...Qf3 57.Re1 Bg3 58.Be4=]
[56...h3!∓ -0.46/26 is superior. 57.Bxh3 Qf3]
57.Rf1= and Be4 would now be decisive
57...Qd6? 2.56/25
[57...Kg7= 0.00/27 and Black is okay.]



58.Kg1? 0.61/24
[Only move: 58.Re2!+- 2.56/25]

58...Qe7 59.Be4 Qe5 1.15/23
[59...Qg5± 0.59/26]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.71
60.Rf7 0.00/27
[60.Re2± 1.15/23]



Loss on time!?
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19 **B20**
□ **Sillymaster** **2816**
■ **Beauparis** **2618**
Blitz 21.07.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.c3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nf6 4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 d5

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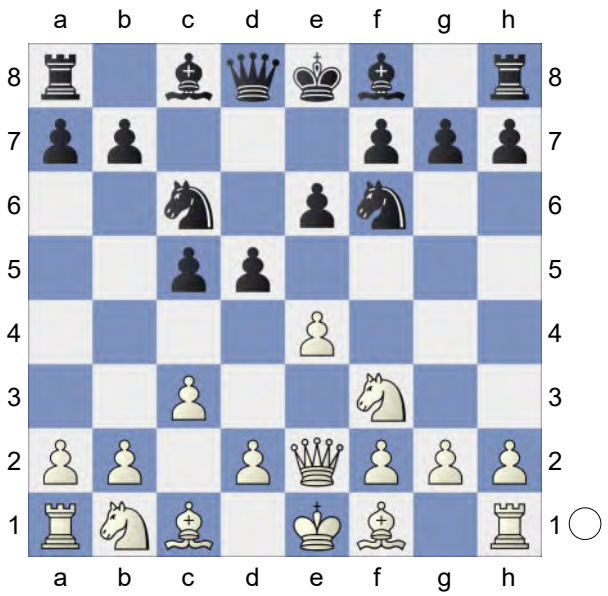
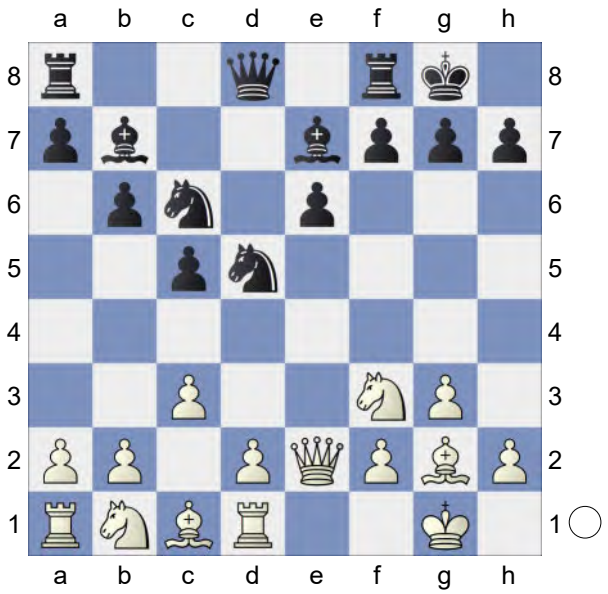


6.exd5 Nxd5 7.g3 Be7 8.Bg2
Black is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rd1 Bb7**



11.Na3 Rc8 12.Nc4 b5 -0.03/19
[12...Qc7∓ -0.42/20 was preferable.]
13.Nce5= a6 14.d4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 c4

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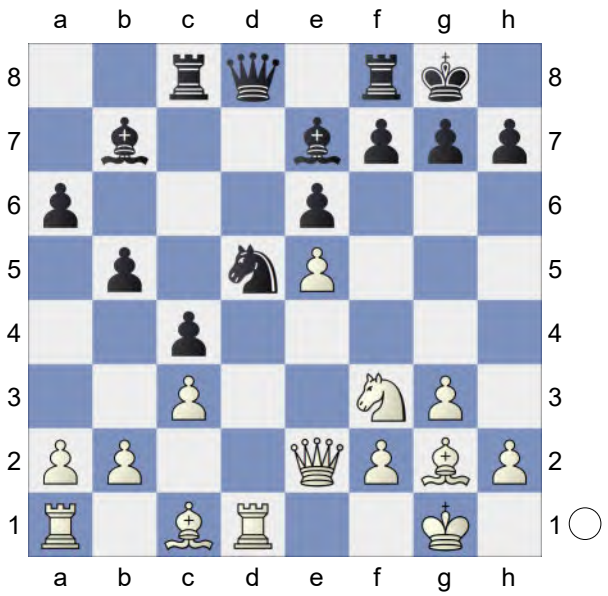
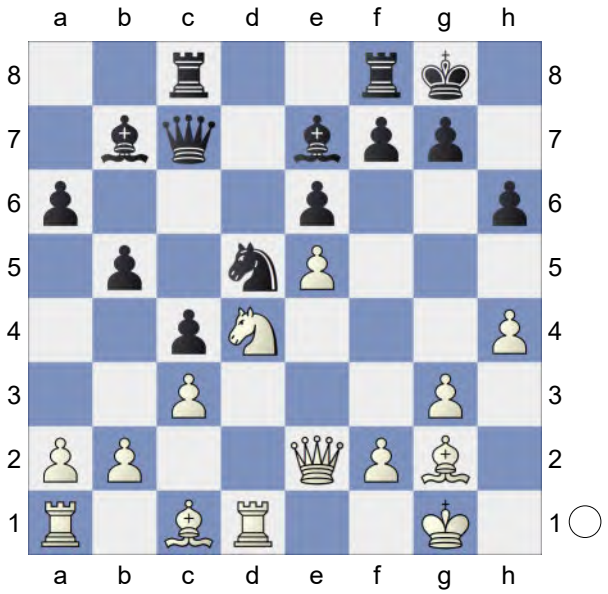


16.h4 h6 0.19/19
[16...Qc7∓ -0.45/17]
17.Nd4
[17.Nh2 seems wilder. Bc5 18.Ng4 Qc7 19.Bxh6 f5 20.exf6 gxh6 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Rxd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qxg3 24.Qh5]
17...Qc7 0.55/21
[17...Bc5= 0.00/21]



18.Nf5 -0.24/23 **exf5 19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxd5 Qc6**

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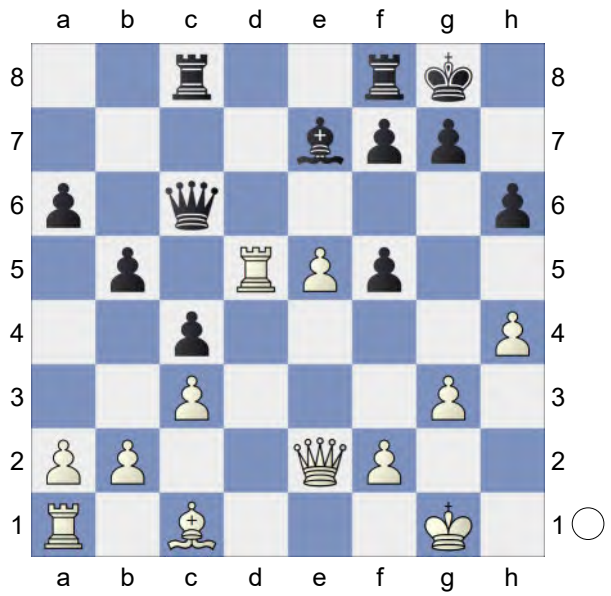

21.Rd4 -1.15/20
[21.Rd1!∓ -0.34/18]
21...Bc5∓ 22.Rf4 Qe6 23.Rf3 -1.84/20
[23.Be3∓ -0.97/20]
23...Rfe8 -1.26/18
[23...f6-+ -1.84/20 24.Be3 fxe5 *(24...Qxe5 25.Rd1∓)*]
24.Bf4 -2.05/21
[24.Be3∓ -1.26/18]
24...Rcd8 25.Re1 -1.91/18
[25.b3∓ -1.44/19]
25...Rd5 -0.82/18
[25...f6-+ -1.91/18 26.b4 Bb6 *(26...cxb3? 27.axb3 fxe5 28.Rd3∓)*]

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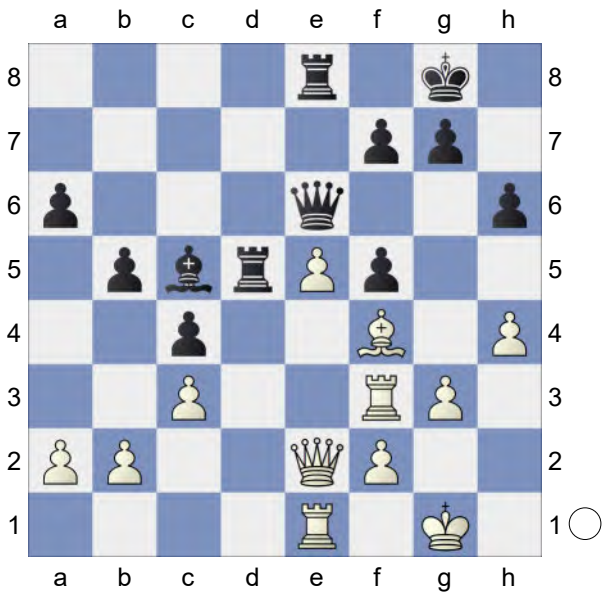

26.Qc2 -1.50/19
[White should try 26.b3 -0.82/18]
26...h5 27.Kg2 -2.22/18
[27.b3∓ -1.26/21]
27...g6 -1.01/20
[27...f6-+ -2.22/18 28.Bd2 Qc6 *(28...Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Qxe5 30.Qxf5∓; 28...fxe5 29.Rxf5 Rd3 30.Rfxe5∓; 28...Red8 29.exf6 Qc6 30.Bf4=)* 29.exf6 Rxe1 30.Bxe1 gxf6 *(30...Qxf6 31.Qe2∓)*]
28.b3? -2.59/20
[28.Qe2∓ -1.01/20 was called for.]

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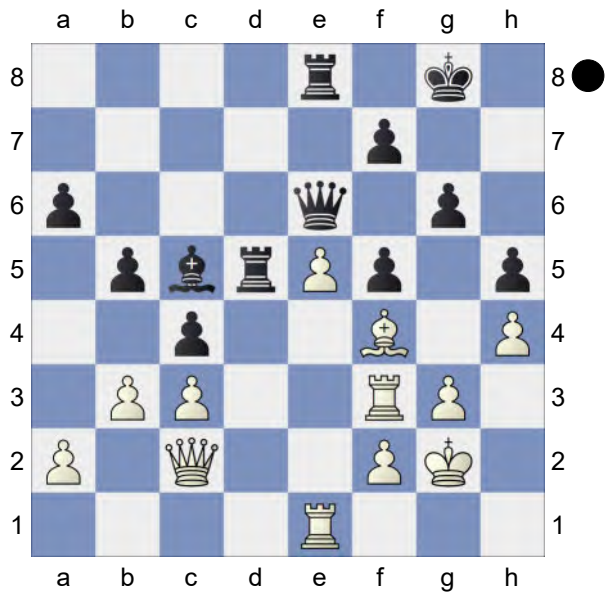
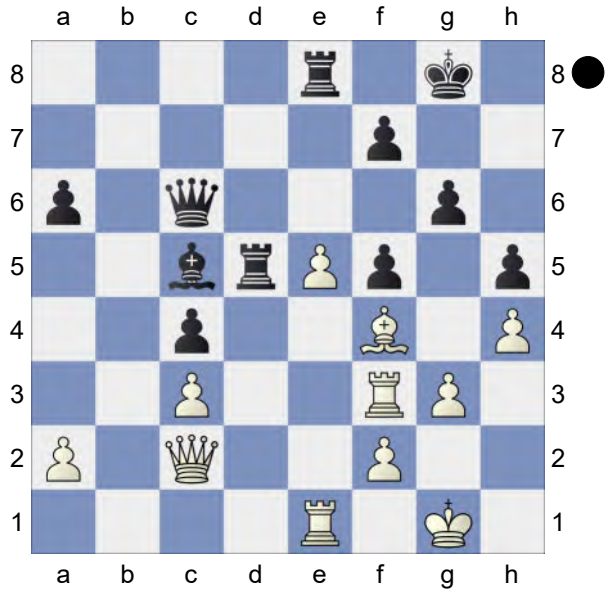


28...Qc6!-+ 29.bxc4 bxc4 30.Kg1



Rdxe5 -1.23/19

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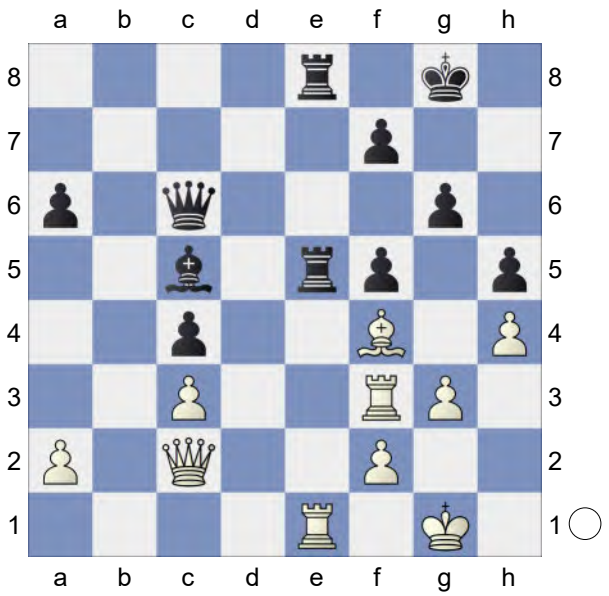

31.Rxe5∓ Rxe5 32.Bxe5 Qxf3-+
Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **33.Qd2 Qd3** 0.00/23
[33...Kh7∓ -1.50/22 And now ...Qd3 would win. 34.Bc7 Qe4]
34.Qxd3?? -2.83/20
[34.Qh6!= 0.00/23 Bxf2+ Decoy 35.Kxf2 Qc2+ 36.Kg1 Qd1+ 37.Kf2 Qc2+]
34...cxd3= KB-KB. Black is a pawn up.
35.Bf4 -5.34/23
[35.Kf1 -2.44/23 was the only chance. d2 36.Ke2]
35...f6-+

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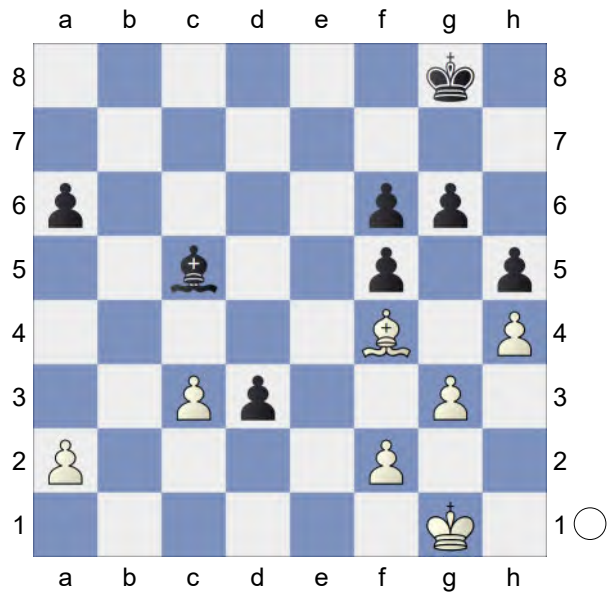
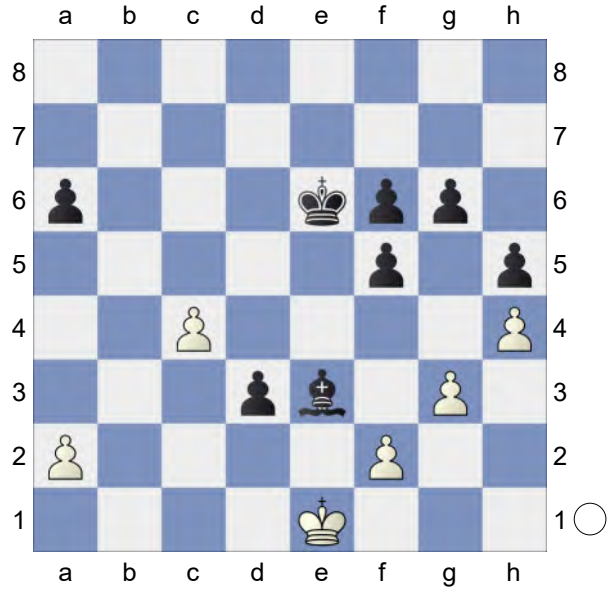
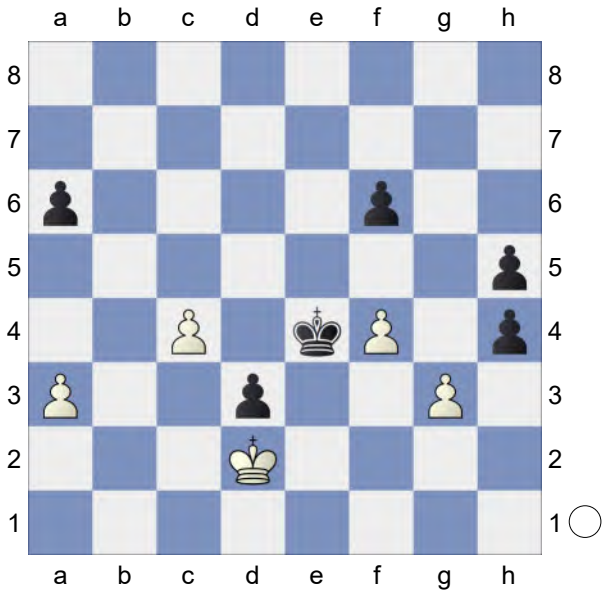


36.Kf1 Kf7 37.Ke1 Ke6 38.c4 Bb4+ 39.Bd2 Bc5 40.Be3? -7.33/25
[40.f3 -3.06/26 Ke5 41.Bc3+ Ke6 42.Bd2]
40...Bxe3

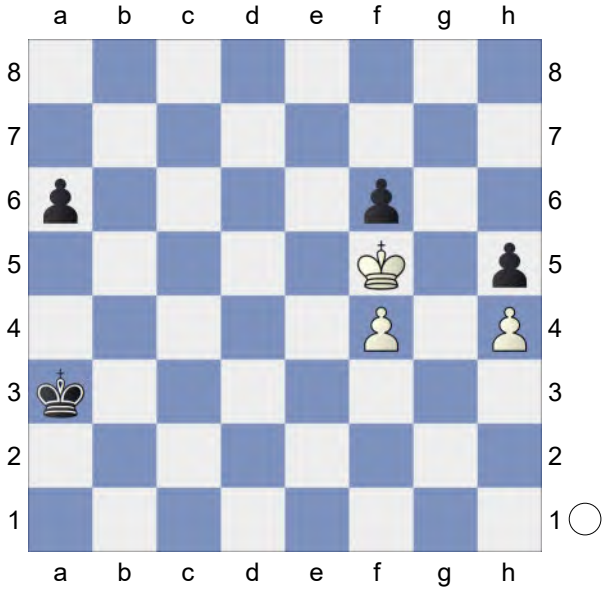


41.fxe3 KP-KP. Black is a pawn up.
41...Ke5 42.Kd1 Ke4 43.Kd2 g5
[43...Kf3? 44.c5 Kxg3 45.c6+-]
44.a3 f4? -0.01/20
[44...Kf3? 45.hxg5 fxg5 *(45...Kxg3? 46.g6+-)* 46.c5+-]
[Black should try 44...a5-+ -6.07/25 45.a4 g4]

45.exf4= gxh4



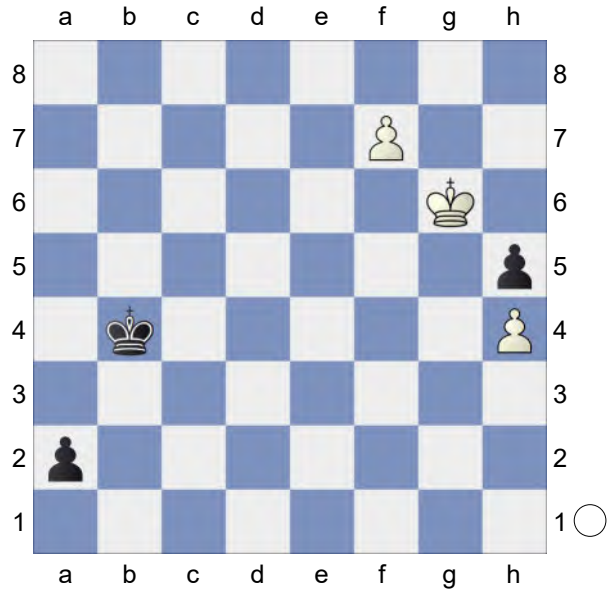
46.gxh4 Kd4 47.c5 Deflection
47...Kxc5 48.Kxd3 K3P-K3P **48...Kb5 49.Ke4** Kf5 is the strong threat. **49...Ka4 50.Kf5 Kxa3**



51.Kxf6 White wants to mate with f5. KPP-KPP **51...Kb4?** #27/20
[51...a5= 0.03/22]
52.Kg6 a5 53.f5! White mates.
[53.Kxh5 a4 54.f5 a3±]
53...a4 54.f6!
[54.Kxh5 a3 55.f6 a2=]
54...a3 55.f7!

[Worse is 55.Kxh5 a2 56.f7 a1Q=]

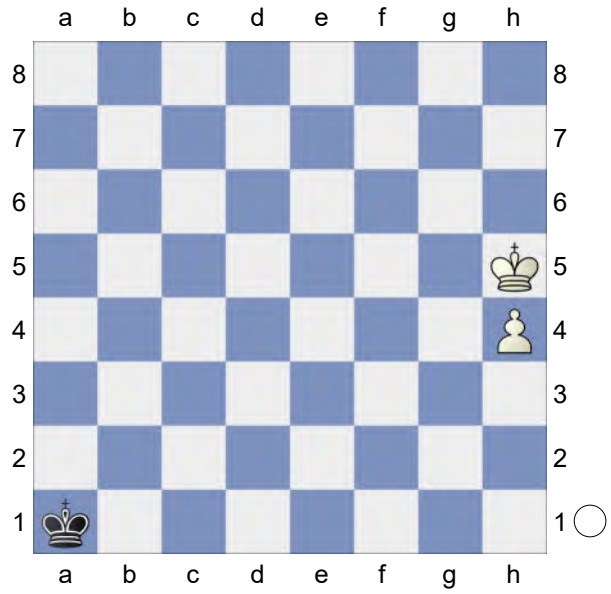
55...a2



56.f8Q+ Kb3 57.Qf7+

[Not 57.Kxh5 a1Q±]

57...Kb2 58.Qf6+ Kb1 59.Kxh5 a1Q 60.Qxa1+ Kxa1



KP-K. White is a pawn up. **61.Kg6 Kb2 62.h5 Kc3 63.h6 Kd4 64.h7 Kc5 65.h8Q Kd6**

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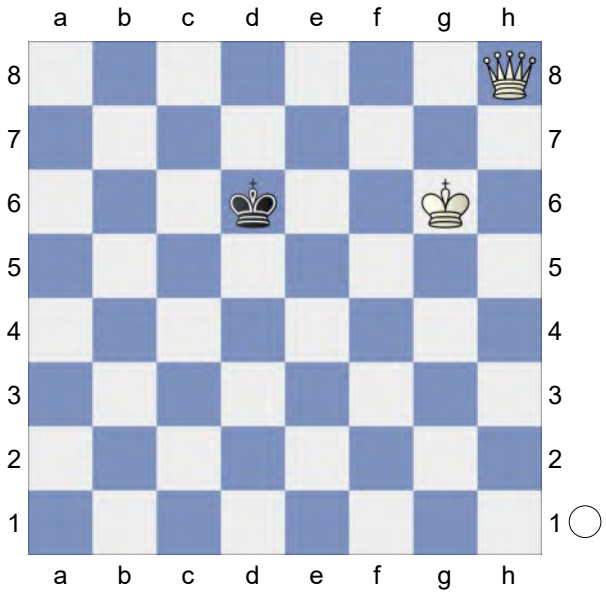
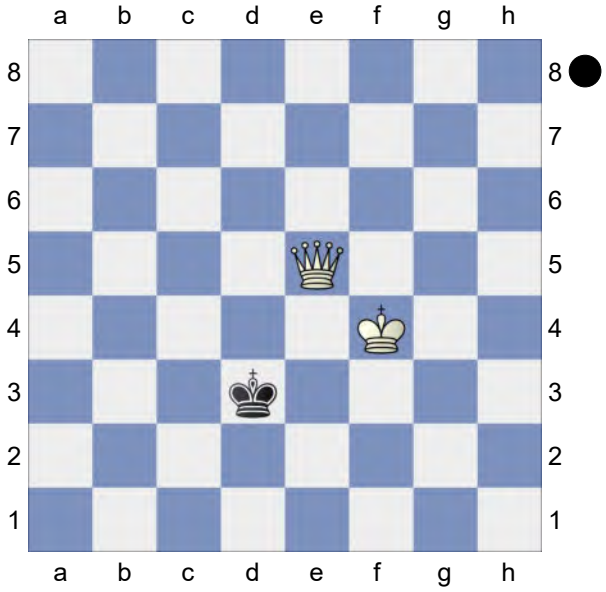


66.Qf6+ Kd5 67.Kf5 Kc5 68.Qe6 Kd4 69.Kf4 Kd3 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.64

70.Qe5



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20 **B20**
□ **Mrdalica** **2815**
■ **Punchen** **2635**
Blitz 14.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7N
[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5.e5 Nd5

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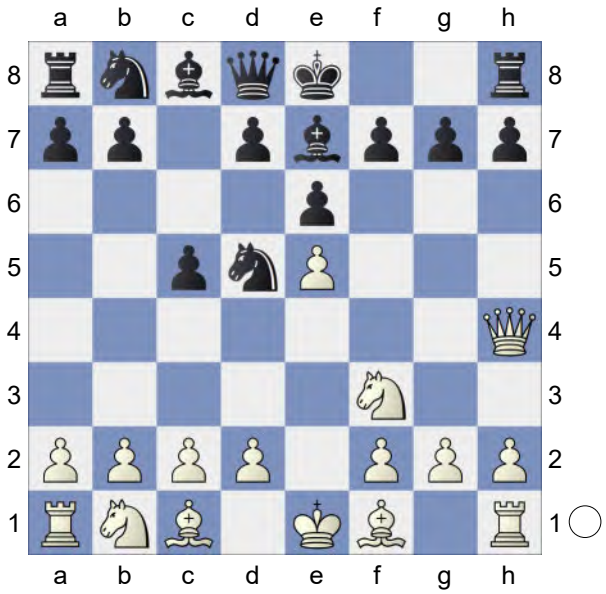
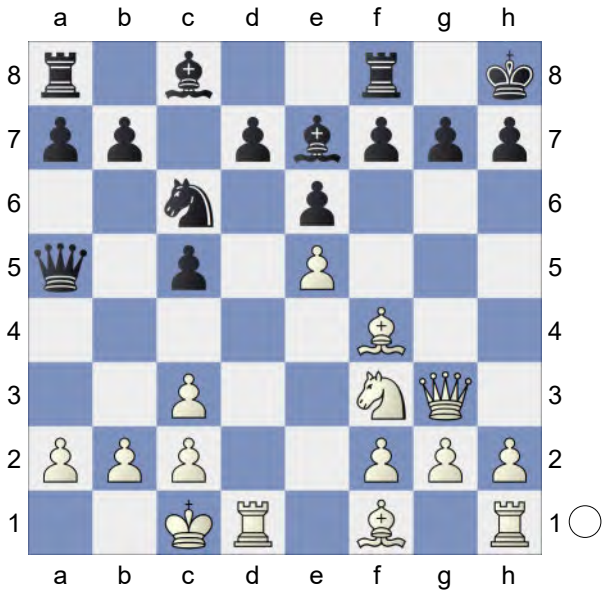


6.Qg3 0-0 7.Nc3 -1.24/18
[White should play 7.d4∓ -0.33/18]
7...Nxc3? 1.56/19
[7...Nb4∓ -1.24/18 and life is bright. 8.Kd1 d6]
8.dxc3± Bh6 would now be deadly. White is clearly better. **8...Kh8 9.Bf4** White is more active. **9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Qa5** 2.39/20
[⩲10...f5 1.71/17 11.exf6 gxf6]



11.Kb1 b5

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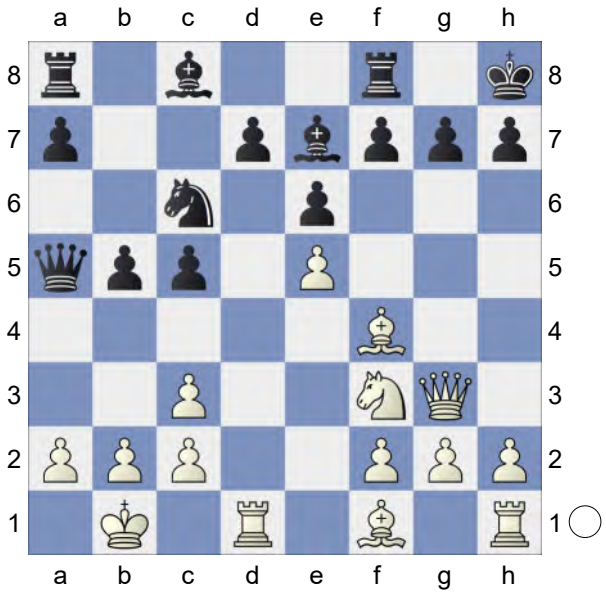
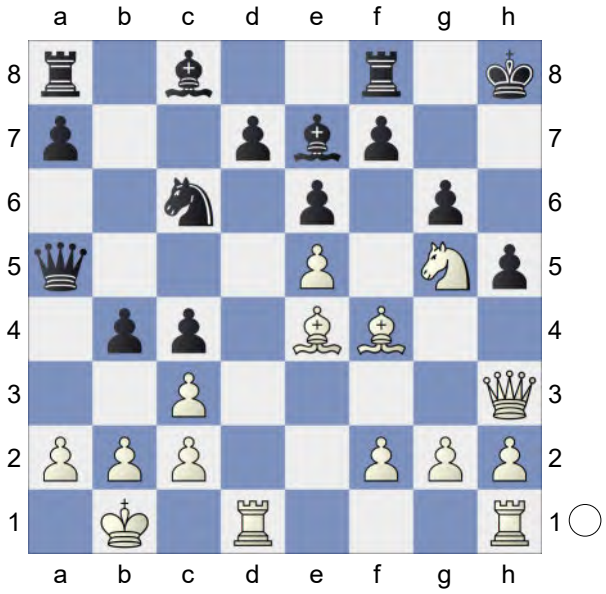


12.Bd3! c4 13.Be4 b4 14.Qh3 g6 15.Ng5 h5



16.Nxf7+? 0.80/18 **Rxf7 17.Bxg6 h4** 5.13/23

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.78

18.Bxf7

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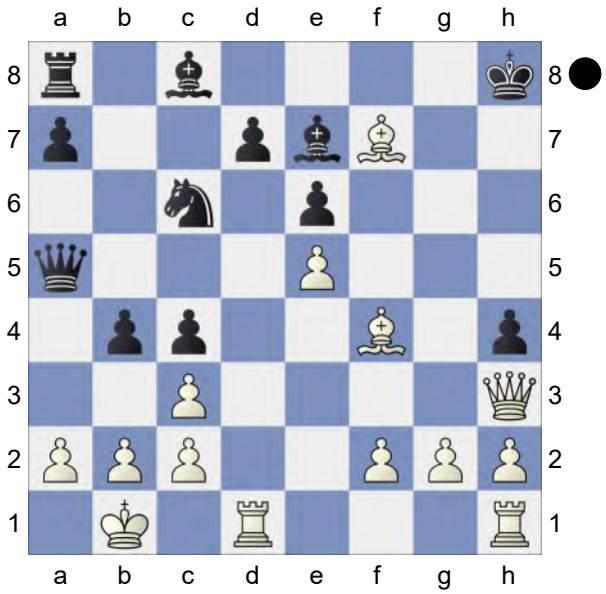

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21 **B20**

□ **Popmilan95** **2813**

■ **Positionaloldman** **2621**

Blitz 25.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

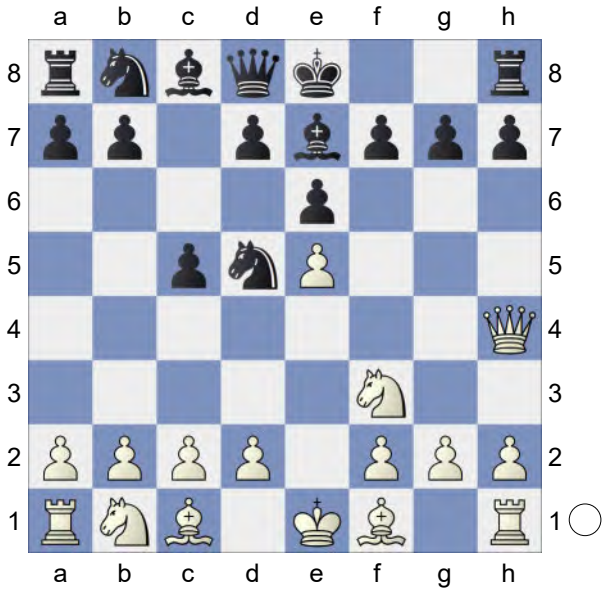
Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7N
[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5.e5 Nd5



6.Qg3 g6 0.45/17
[6...0-0∓ -0.53/20]
7.Nc3 -0.15/18
[White should try 7.h4± 0.45/17]
7...Nb4= 8.Kd1 The position is equal.
8...d5 0.11/18 Repels Ne4
[8...d6∓ -0.33/20]
9.exd6 -0.78/20
[9.h4= 0.11/18]
9...Qxd6? 0.96/21
[9...Bxd6∓ -0.78/20 stays on course. 10.Qg5 Qxg5 11.Nxg5 Be7]
10.Nb5 0.29/20
[10.Qxd6± 0.96/21 Bxd6 11.Nb5]
10...Qxg3

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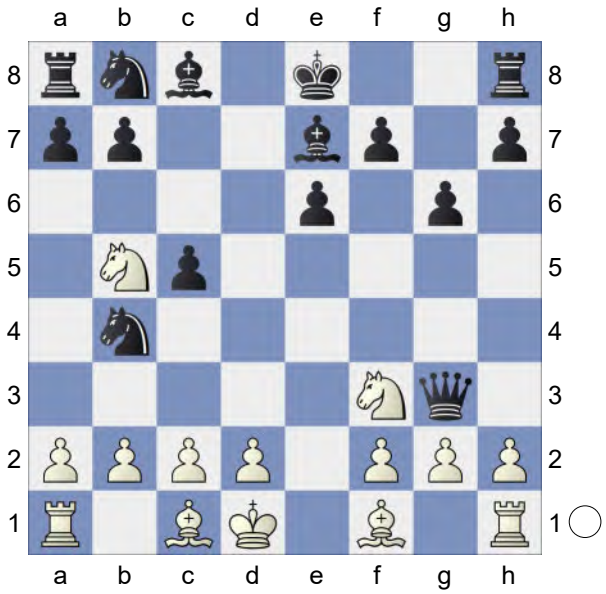
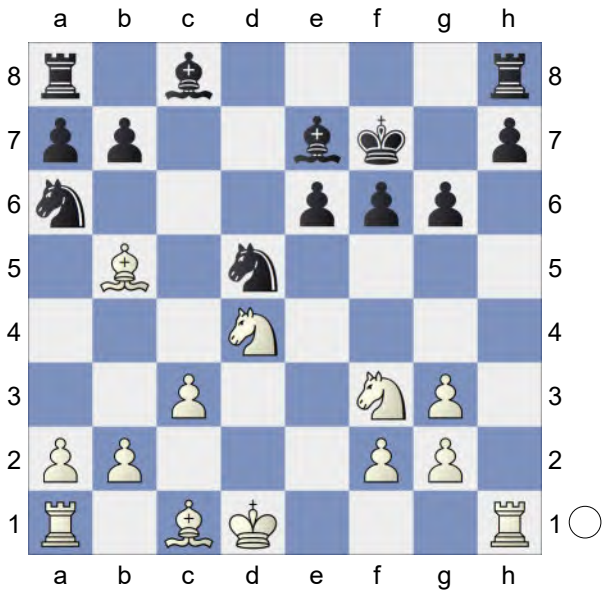


11.hxg3 N8a6 Against Nc7+ **12.c3 Nd5**
13.d4 -0.30/18
[13.Bc4± 0.36/19]
13...cxd4 14.Nbxd4 f6 15.Bb5+ Kf7



16.Bd2 -0.58/18
[16.g4= -0.20/18]
16...e5 -0.15/20
[16...h5∓ -0.58/18]
17.Bc4 Nac7 18.Nb5 Be6 19.Nxc7 Nxc7 20.Bxe6+ Nxe6

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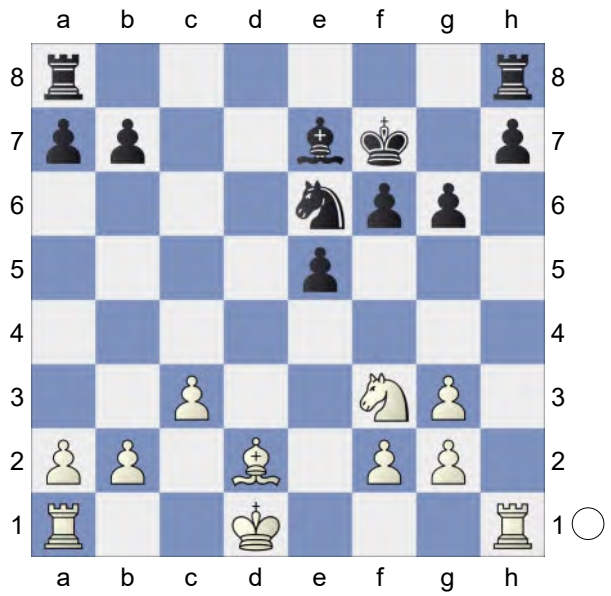
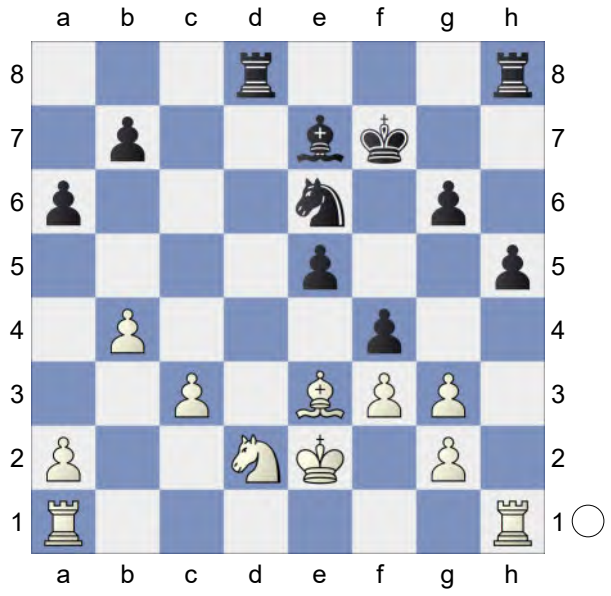


21.Ke2 Rad8 22.Be3 a6 23.b4 -0.40/23
[23.g4= 0.01/19]
23...h5 24.Nd2 f5 25.f3 -0.66/18
[25.Nc4= -0.20/20]
25...f4



Black is more active. **26.gxf4 Nxf4+ 27.Bxf4 exf4 28.Ne4 Rd5 29.Rhd1 Rhd8 30.Rxd5 Rxd5**

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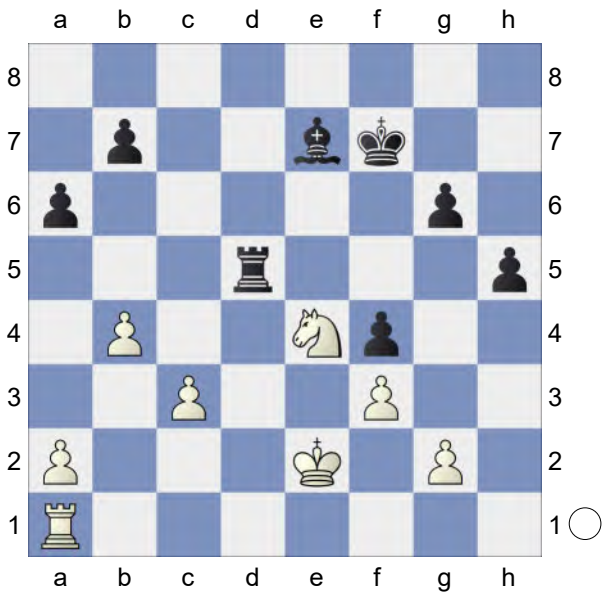
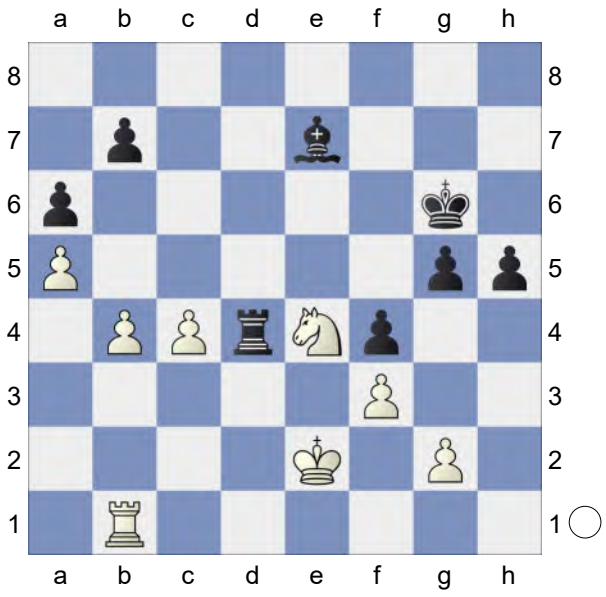


Endgame KRB-KRN **31.a4 g5 32.Rh1 Kg6 33.a5 Rd8** 0.11/25
[33...g4 -0.27/23 feels stronger.]
34.Rb1 Rd5 35.c4 Rd4



36.c5 g4 37.Nf2 -0.47/25
[37.b5= 0.20/21]
37...Kf5 -0.03/23
[37...g3!∓ -0.47/25 38.Nd3 h4]
38.Nd3 Rc4 39.Kd2 -0.91/20
[39.Rc1= -0.19/20 keeps the balance. Rxc1 40.Nxc1]

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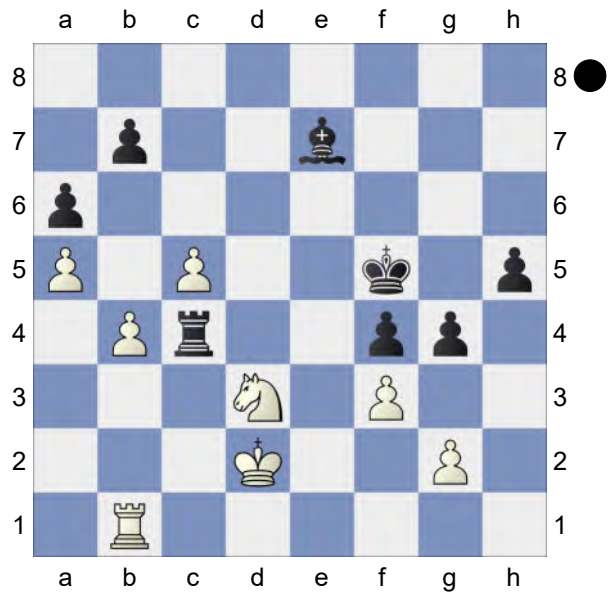
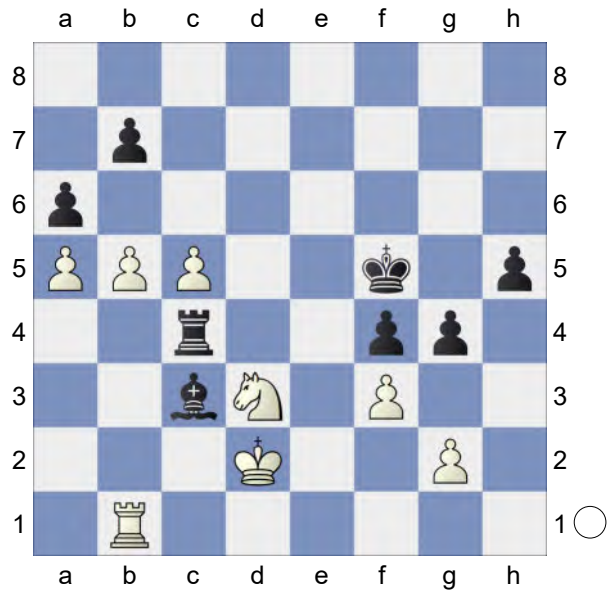


39...Bf6 0.00/23
[39...g3!∓ -0.91/20]
40.b5 Bc3+



41.Ke2 Bxa5 42.c6 Rc2+ 43.Kf1 bxc6 44.bxa6
[Don't take 44.fxg4+ hxg4 *(44...Ke4 45.Nf2+ Rxf2+ 46.Kxf2+-)* 45.b6 g3±]
44...Ra2 45.Rc1
[45.fxg4+ hxg4 46.Rb8 Bc7 47.Rf8+ Ke4 48.Nf2+ Kd4 49.Nxg4 Rxa6=]
45...Bb6
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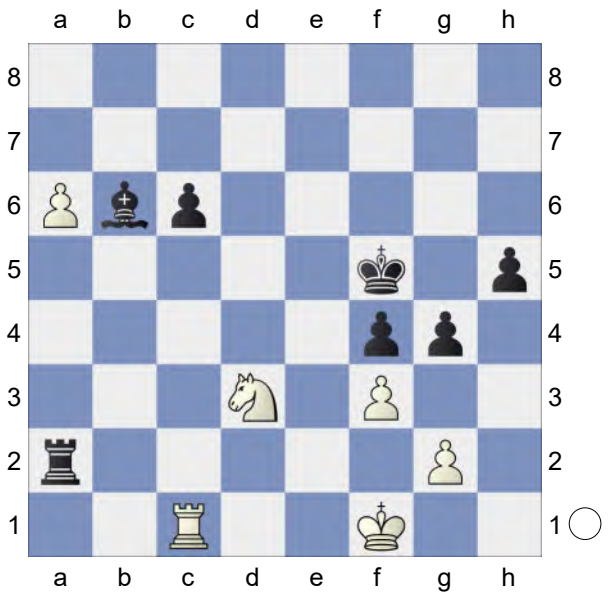
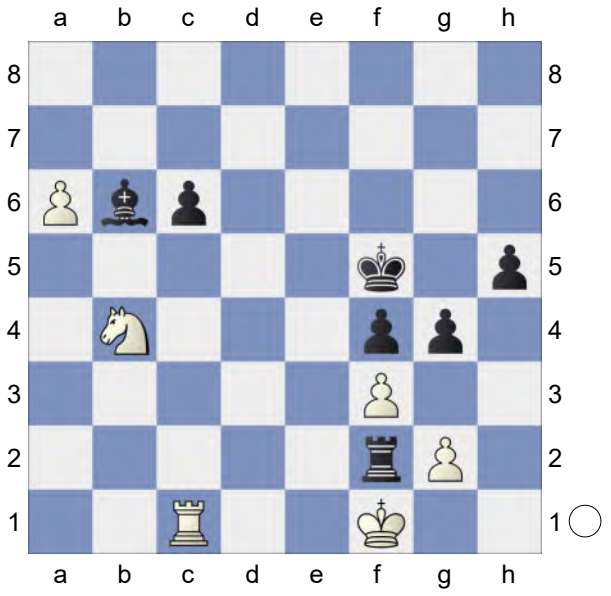


And now ...Be3 would win. Now White is beyond hope. **46.Nb4?** -3.91/18
[46.Rxc6∓ -0.58/18 Be3 *(46...Rxa6 47.fxg4+ hxg4 48.Ne1=)* 47.Rd6]
46...Rf2+-+



Deflection, Double Attack **47.Ke1 Rxg2 48.Rxc6 Be3 49.Nd5 gxf3 50.Rf6+ Ke4**

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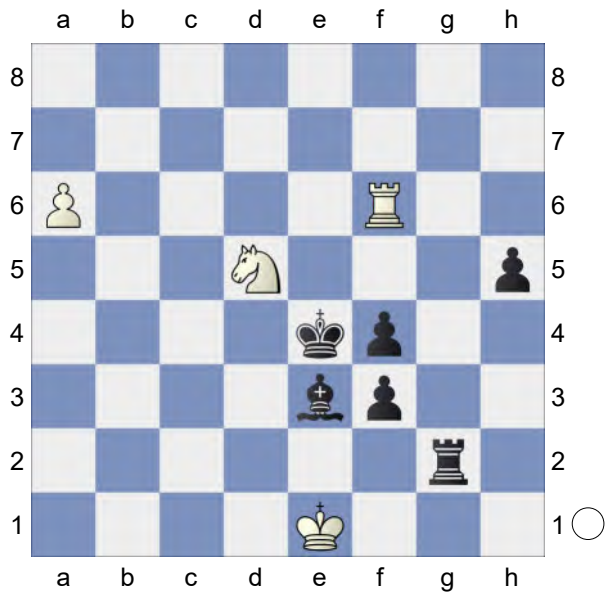


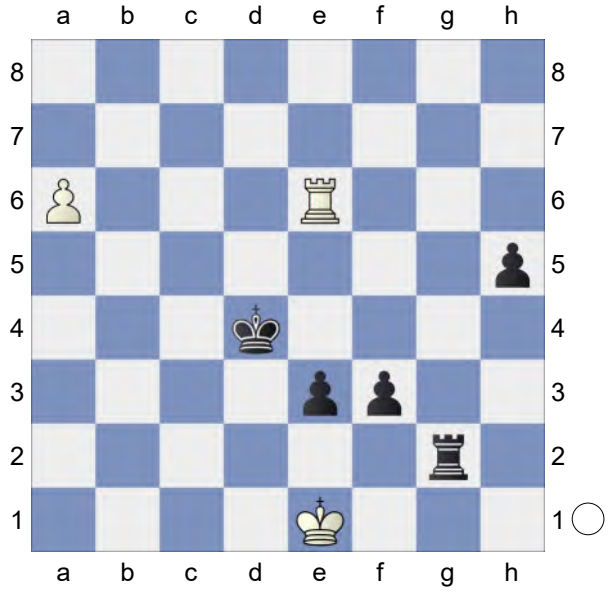
51.Nxe3 fxe3

[Less strong is 51...Kxe3 52.Re6+ Kd4 53.a7∓]

52.Re6+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.22 (precise)

52...Kd4



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22 **B20**

□ **Darkfrontier** **2812**

■ **Sergolvz** **2616**

Blitz 03.04.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.e5N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-

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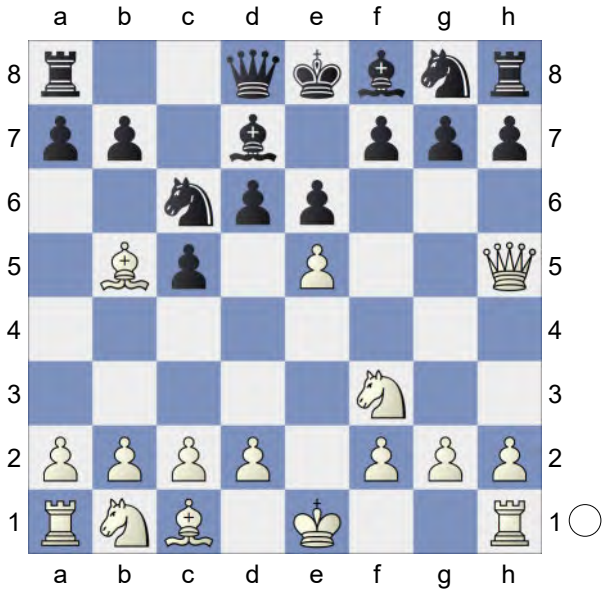
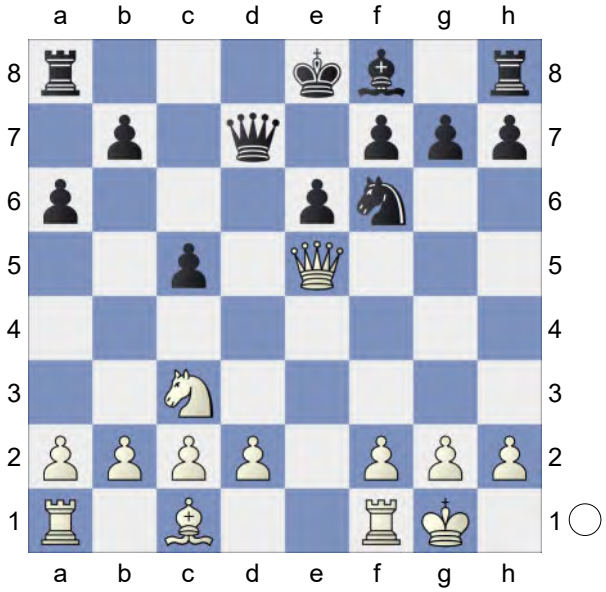
3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7



6.Nc3 Nxe5 -0.35/19

[6...g6∓ -1.01/21 7.Qg4 Nh6 *(7...Nxe5 8.Nxe5 dxe5 9.Qe4∓; 7...dxe5 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Nxe5∓)*]

7.Nxe5∓ dxe5 8.Qxe5 Black is slightly better. **8...a6 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Nf6**



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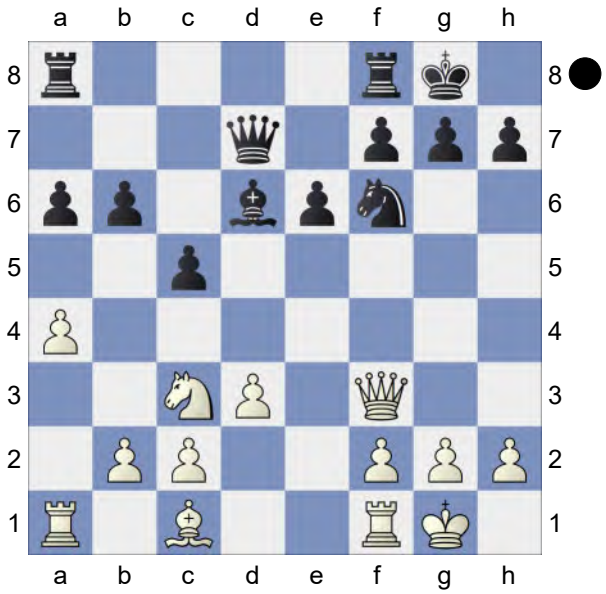
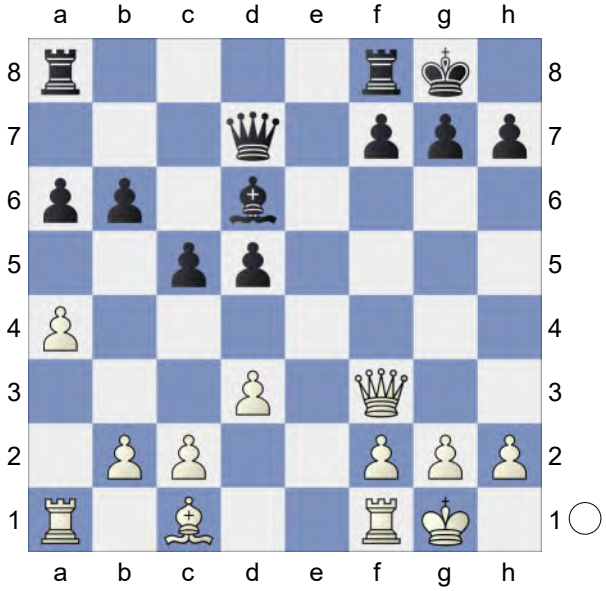


Nd5 -0.07/22 **15.Nxd5= exd5**



16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Bd2 Be5 18.Bc3 -0.39/24

[18.c3= -0.01/22 deserves consideration.]

18...Bxc3∓ 19.bxc3 b5 0.15/26

[19...Rxe1+∓ -0.37/26 20.Rxe1 a5]

20.axb5= Rxe1+

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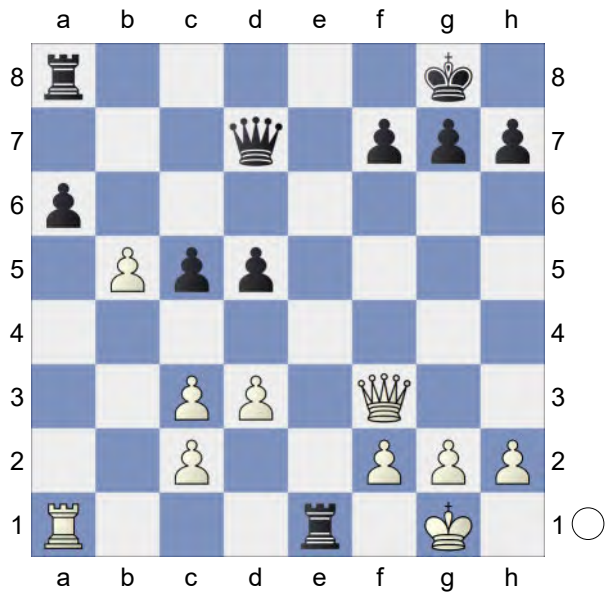
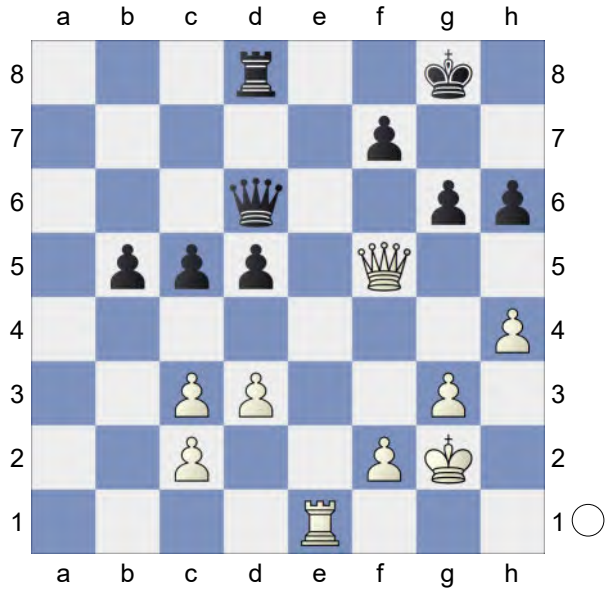


21.Rxe1 axb5 Endgame KQR-KQR **22.g3 h6 23.h4 Rd8 24.Kg2 Qd6 25.Qf5 g6**



26.Qf3 h5 27.Ra1 Kg7 28.Ra7 Rd7 29.Ra5 Rb7 30.Qe3

[30.c4 simplifies bxc4 31.dxc4 Rd7 32.cxd5 Qxd5 33.Qxd5 Rxd5 34.c4]

30...d4

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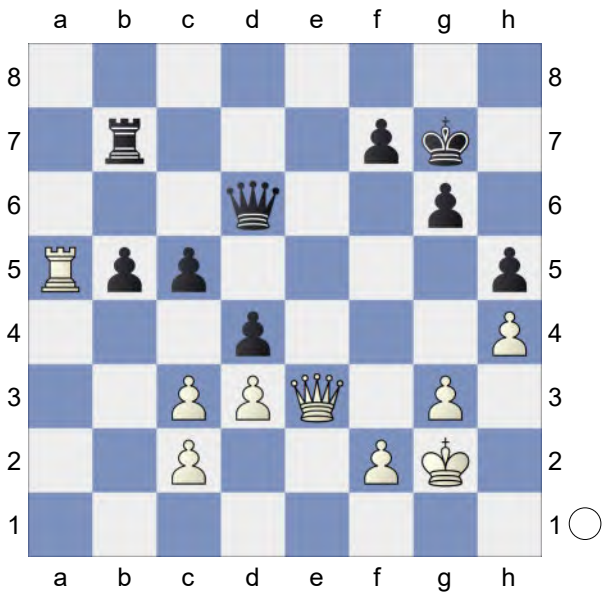
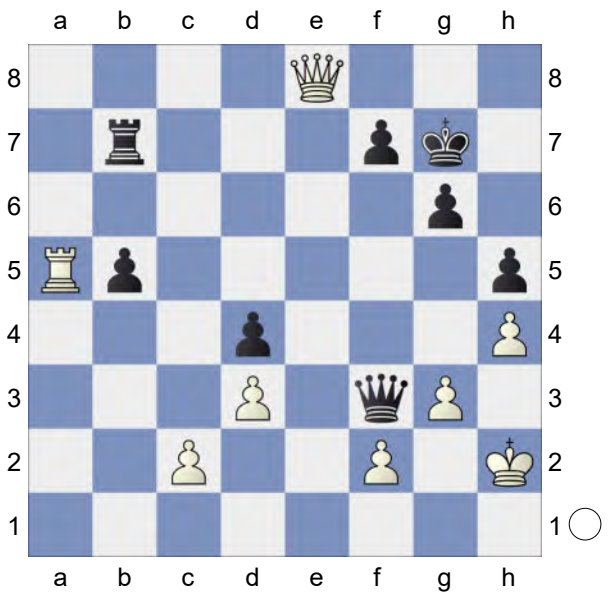


31.cxd4 cxd4 32.Qe8 Qd5+ 33.Kh2 Qf3 1.35/29

[33...Qf5= 0.03/25]



34.Qe5+ 0.00/30

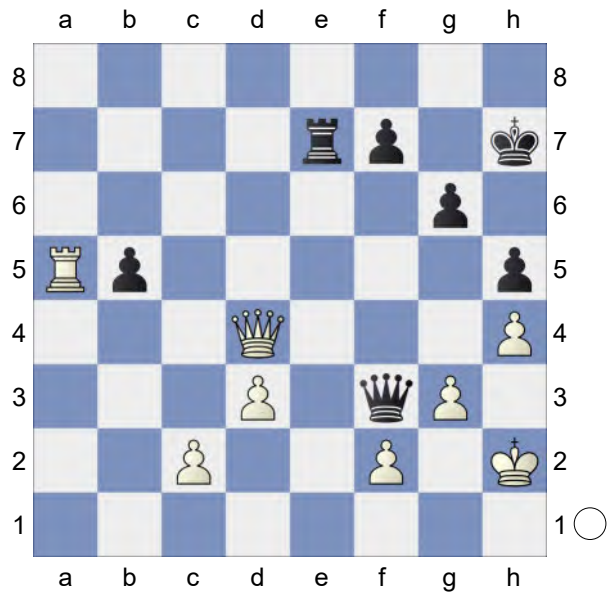
[34.Rxb5? Qxf2+ 35.Kh1 Rxb5 36.Qxb5 Qxg3-+]

[34.Kg1!± 1.35/29 aiming for Ra8!. Qf6 35.Ra8 *(35.Rxb5 Re7∓)*]

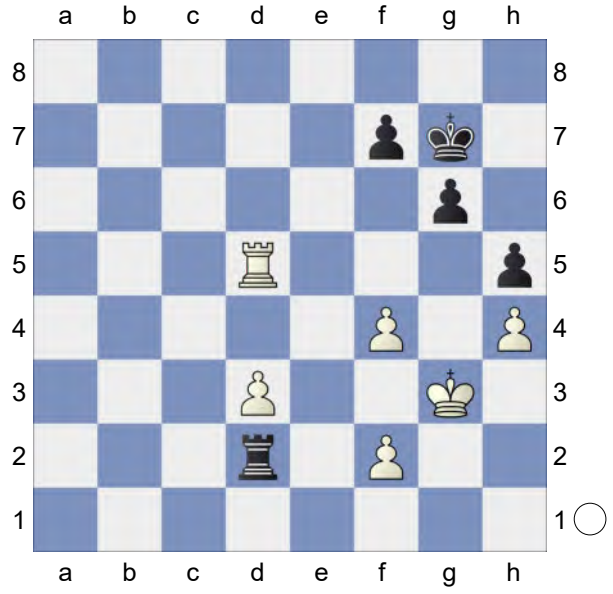
34...Kh7 35.Qxd4

[35.Rxb5? Qxf2+ 36.Kh1 Rxb5 37.Qxb5 Qxg3-+]

35...Re7



(-> ...Re1) **36.Qf4**
[36.Rxb5? too greedy. Re1-+]
36...Qxf4 37.gxf4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **37...Re2 38.Kg3 Rxc2 39.Rxb5 Rd2 40.Rd5 Kg7**



41.f5 gxf5 42.f3 Kg6 43.d4 Rd1 44.Rd6+ f6 45.Rd7 Rg1+

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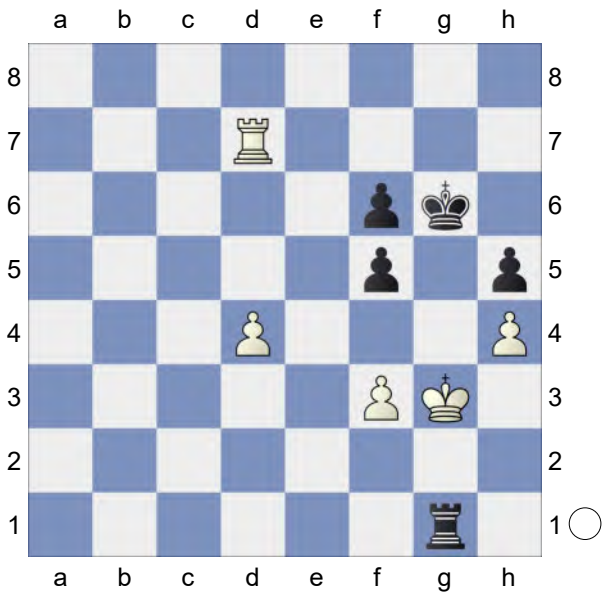
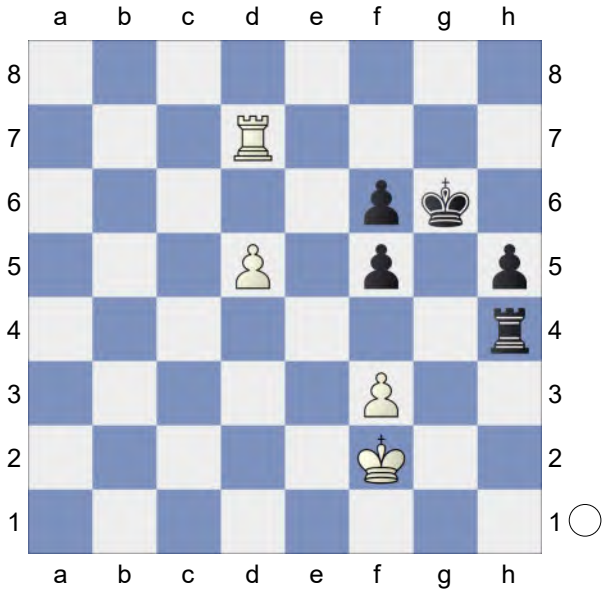


46.Kh2 Rf1 47.Kg2 Rd1 48.Kg3 Rg1+ 49.Kf2 Rh1 50.d5 Rxh4



51.Ke3 Rh1 52.d6 Rd1 53.Kf4 h4 54.Rd8 h3 ...h2 would now be deadly. **55.Kg3 Kg5**

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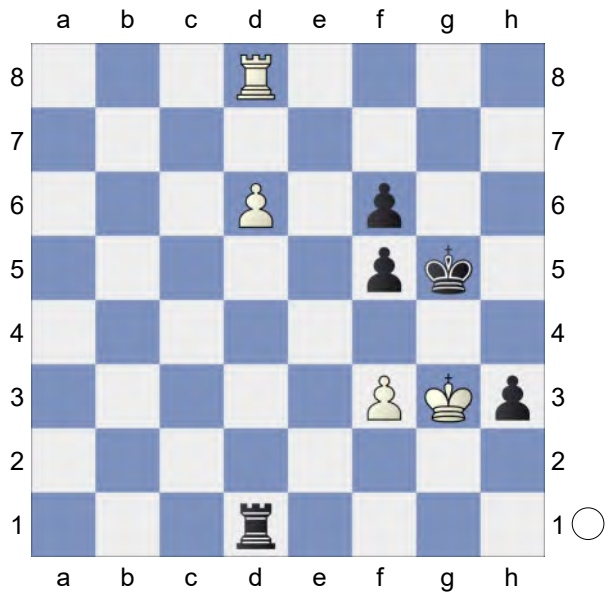
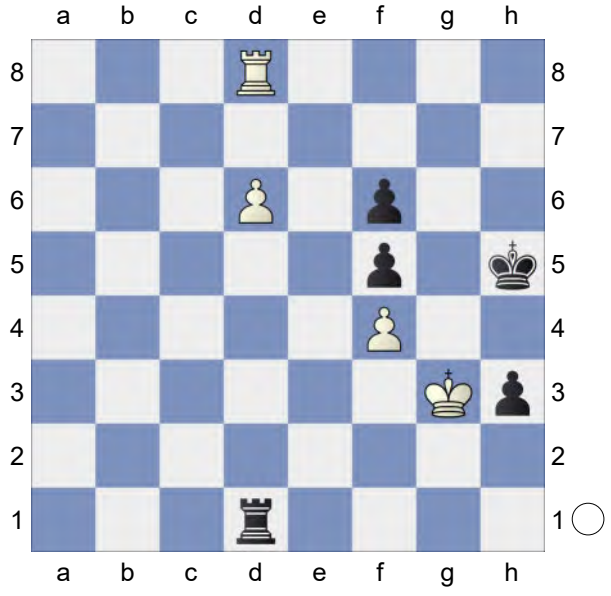


56.f4+
[56.d7!? f4+□ 57.Kxh3∓]
56...Kh5? 7.42/33
[56...Kg6= 0.00/35]



57.d7!+- Rd3+
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58.Kh2

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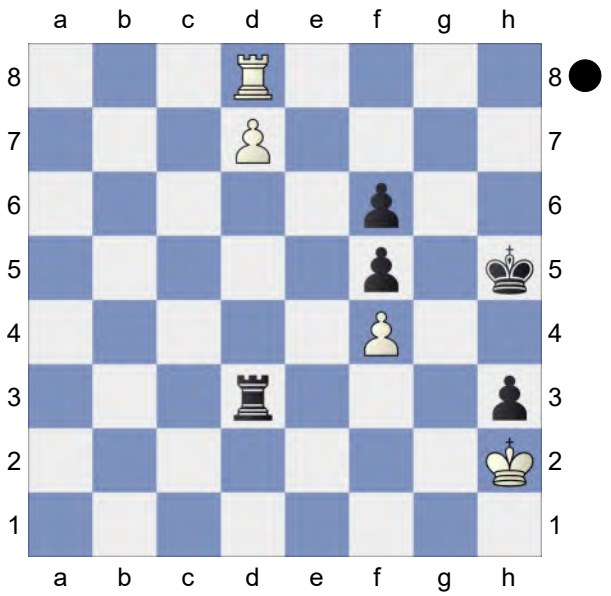

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23 **B20**
□ **Alexandr Khlebovich** **2805**
■ **Alpha Zer0O** **2638**
Blitz 03.09.2021
[Kitty Kat]

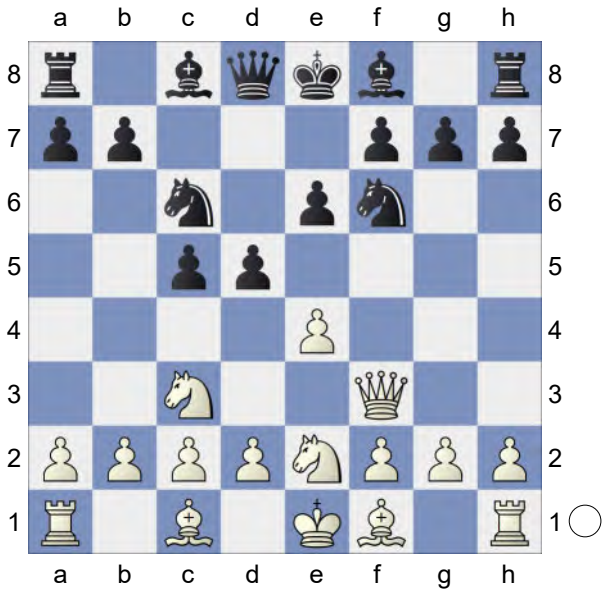
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8

17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nf6 4.Qf3 Nc6 5.Nge2 d5



6.d3 Nd4 -1.07/20

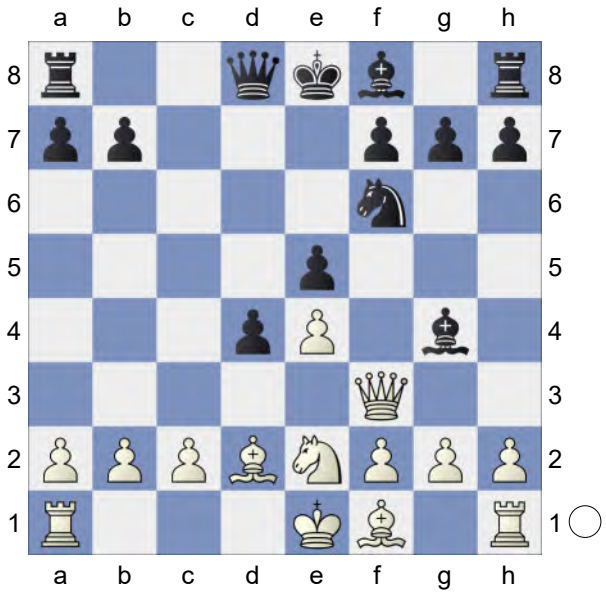
[6...Be7-+ -1.66/19 7.a3 0-0 8.exd5 exd5]

7.Nxd4∓ cxd4 8.Ne2 Black is better.

8...dxe4 -0.70/18

[8...e5∓ -1.43/19 Threatens to win with ...Bb4+. 9.h3 Bd6]

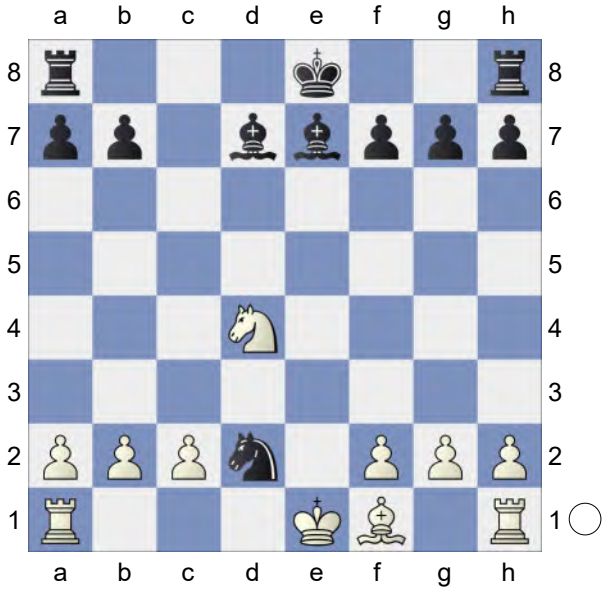
9.dxe4∓ e5 10.Bd2 Bg4



11.Qb3 Nxe4 0.25/16

[11...Be6∓ -1.02/17 12.Qb5+ Nd7]

12.Qb5+= Bd7 13.Qxe5+ Qe7 14.Qxe7+ Bxe7 15.Nxd4 Nxd2



16.Kxd2 0-0-0 17.c3 Bf6 18.Bd3 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Bc6 20.Kc3 Rd6

[20...Bxg2 21.Rhg1 Bd5 22.Rxg7±]

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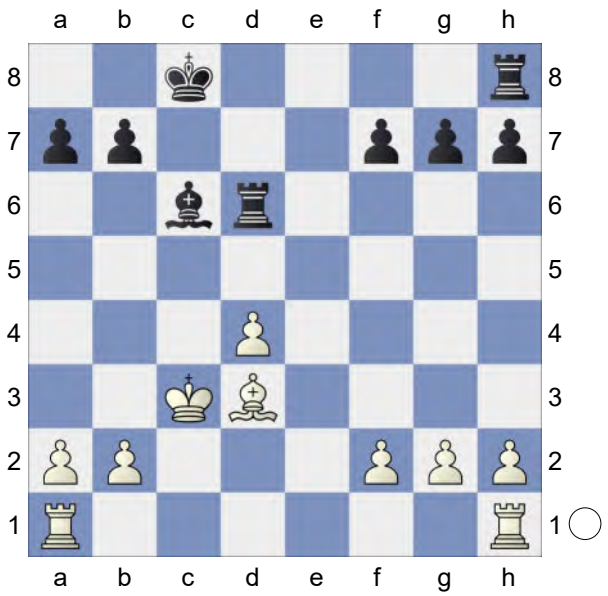
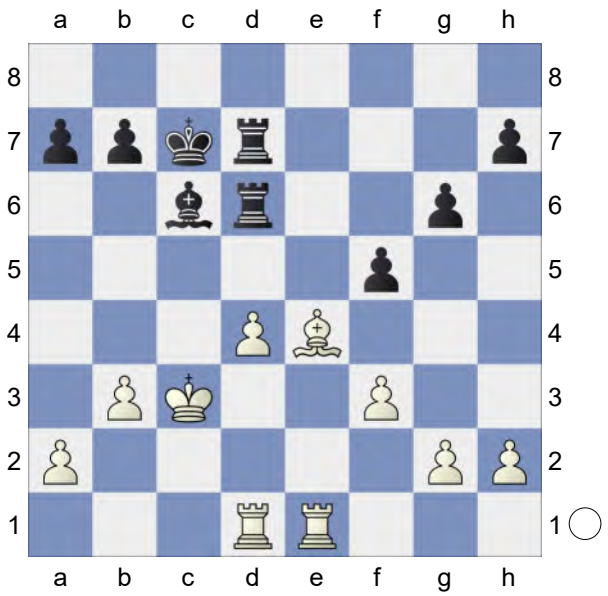
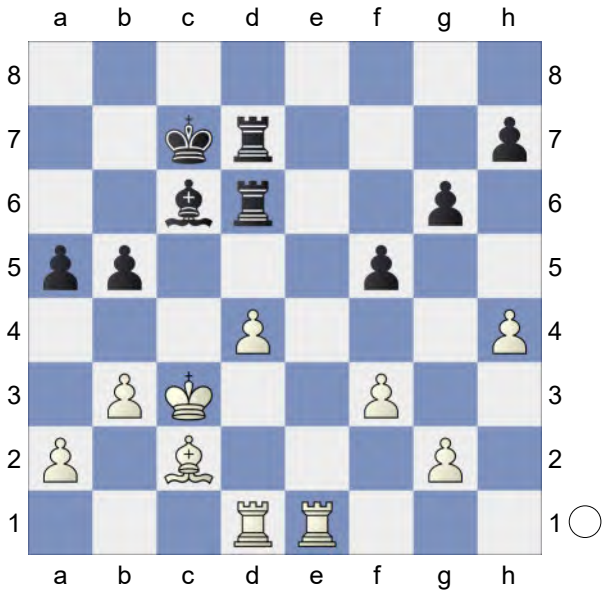


21.Rad1 Rhd8 0.80/22
[21...Bxg2= -0.13/22 22.Rhg1 Rc6+ 23.Kd2 Bf3]
22.f3±
[22.Bxh7? g6 23.d5 Bxd5-+ *(23...Rxd5? 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 25.Rd1-+)*]
22...Kc7 1.16/18
[⌓22...Kb8 0.77/20]
23.Be4 0.72/16
[23.Bxh7 g6 24.d5 Bxd5-+]
[⌓23.Bc4 1.16/18]
23...R8d7 1.25/20
[⌓23...Bd7 0.72/16]
24.Rhe1 0.78/19
[⌓24.Bf5! 1.25/20 Rd8 25.Rhe1 *(25.Bxh7? g6-+)*]
24...g6 25.b3 f5

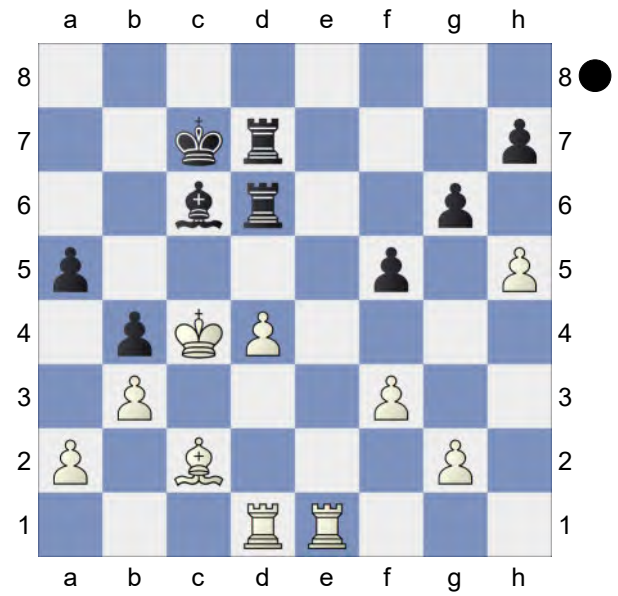
(Diagram)



26.Bc2 0.64/22
[26.Bxc6± 1.11/23 Rxc6+ 27.Kd3]
26...b5 27.h4 0.11/19
[27.b4± 0.78/20]
27...a5 0.74/21
[27...b4+= 0.11/19 keeps the balance. 28.Kxb4 *(28.Kc4 a5=)* 28...Rxd4+ 29.Rxd4 Rxd4+ 30.Kc3 Rxh4]

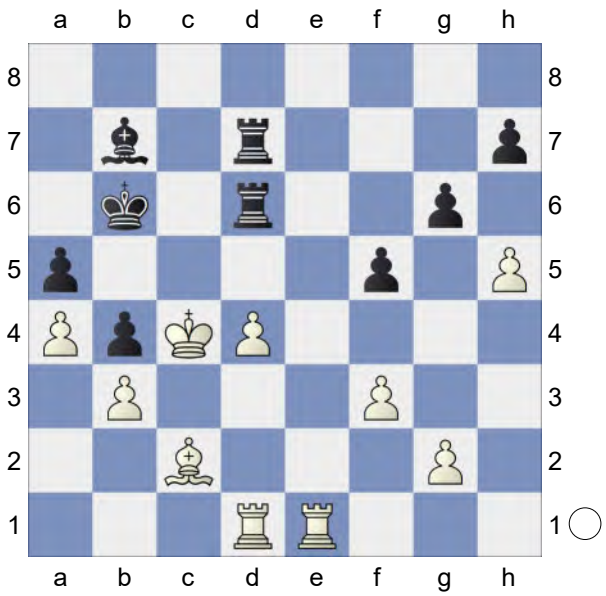


28.h5 -0.10/21 **b4+= 29.Kc4** -1.44/20
[29.Kb2= -0.05/20]

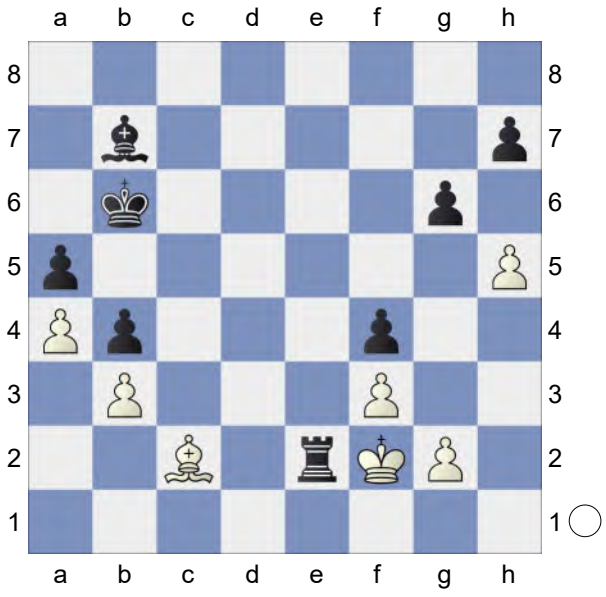


29...Kb6 0.00/22 Black is more active.
[29...Rd5 30.a4∓]
[Better is 29...Bb7!∓ -1.44/20 (-> ...Ba6+) 30.Kd3 *(30.hxg6? Ba6+ 31.Kc5 Rd5#)* 30...Rxd4+ 31.Ke3 f4+ 32.Kf2 Rxd1 *(32...gxh5 33.Rxd4 Rxd4 34.Bxh7=)* 33.Rxd1 Rxd1 *(33...gxh5 34.Rxd7+ Kxd7 35.Bf5+ Ke7 36.Bxh7∓)* 34.Bxd1 Kd6 *(34...gxh5 35.g3∓)*]
30.a4? -3.39/22
[30.Re5= 0.00/22 and White is okay.]
30...Bb7 -1.44/16
[Less strong is 30...gxh5 31.Re5∓ *(31.Bxf5 Bd5+ 32.Kd3 Rg7∓)*]
[30...bxa3-+ -3.39/22 is more deadly. 31.Re5 Rd5 *(31...gxh5 32.Kc3∓)*]

(Diagram)



31.Kd3∓ Rxd4+ 32.Ke3 f4+ 33.Kf2 Rd2+
[Weaker is 33...gxh5 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Re6+ Kc5 36.Kg1=]
34.Rxd2 Rxd2+ Black is clearly winning. **35.Re2** -7.21/22
[⌓35.Kg1 -4.91/18 Rxc2 36.Re7]
35...Rxe2+-+



36.Kxe2 gxh5 37.Bxh7 Endgame KB-KB **37...Kc5 38.Bd3 Bd5 39.Bc2 Kd4 40.Kd2 h4**

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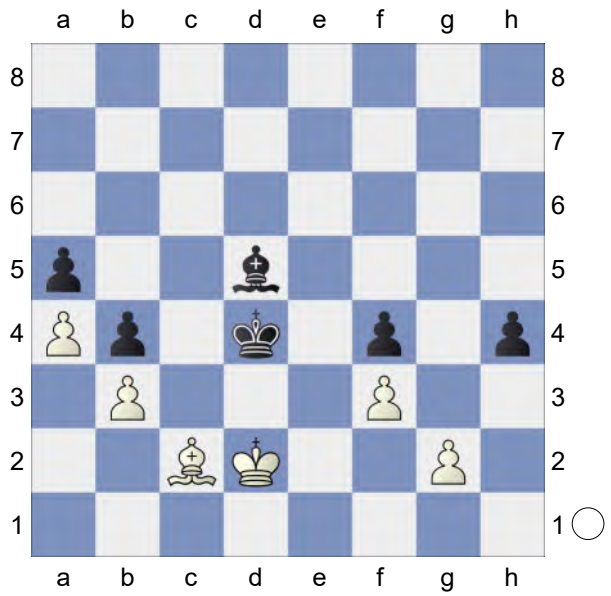
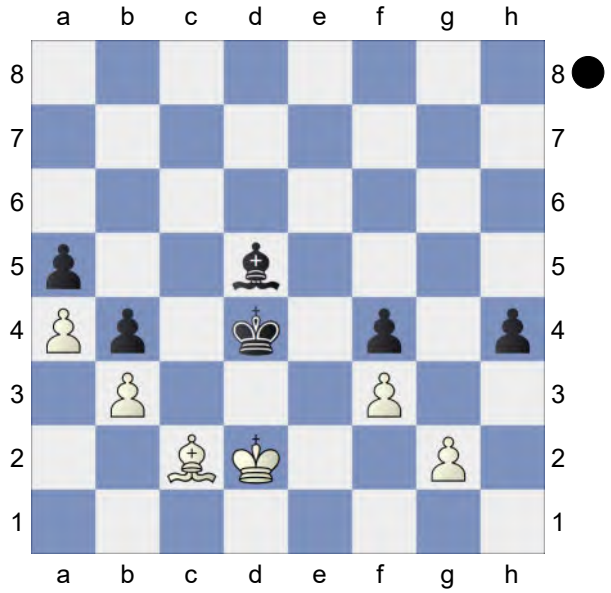


41.Bd1 Be6 42.Bc2 Bf7 43.Bd1 Bd5 44.Bc2



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44...Bxf3!

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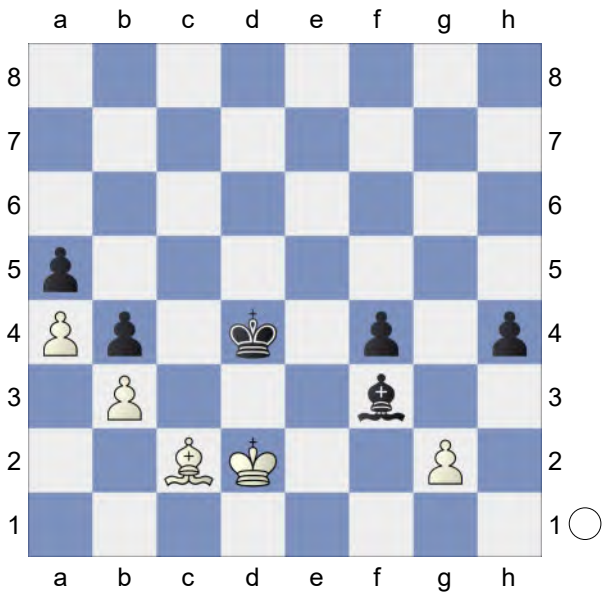

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24 **B20**

□ **Mrdalica** **2804**

■ **Corre Por Tu Vida** **2714**

Blitz 27.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7

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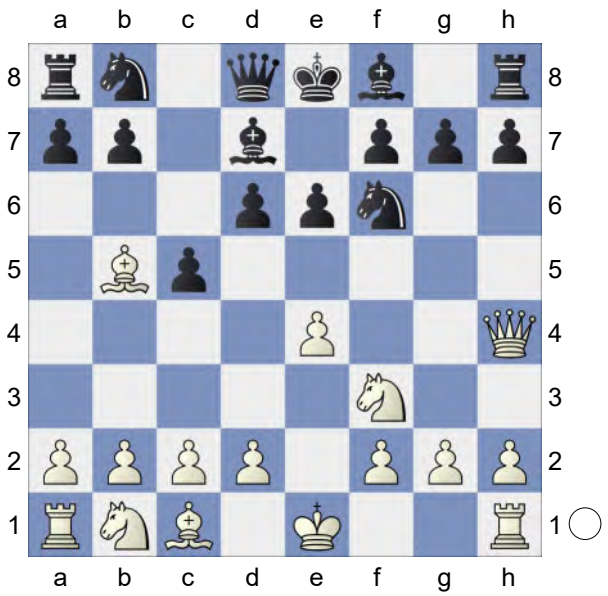

6.Bxd7+N
[6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 d5 20.f3 c4 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
6...Nbxd7 -0.18/21
[6...Qxd7∓ -0.61/21 deserves consideration. 7.d3 Nc6]
7.d3 Be7 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.Qg3 Re8 10.Nc3 Rb8

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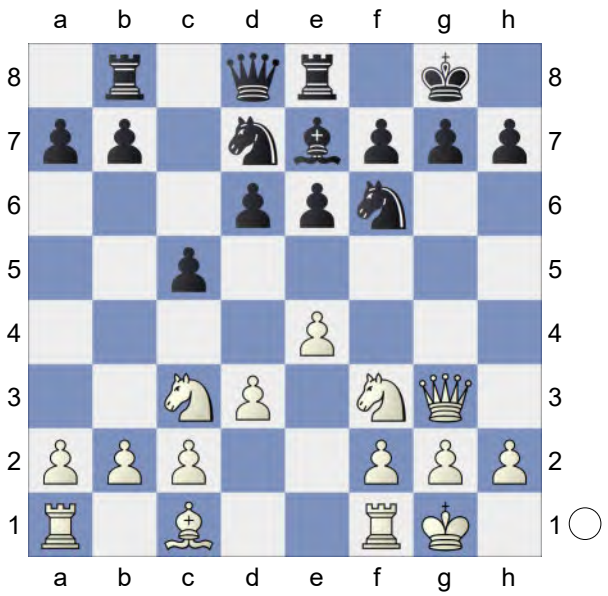
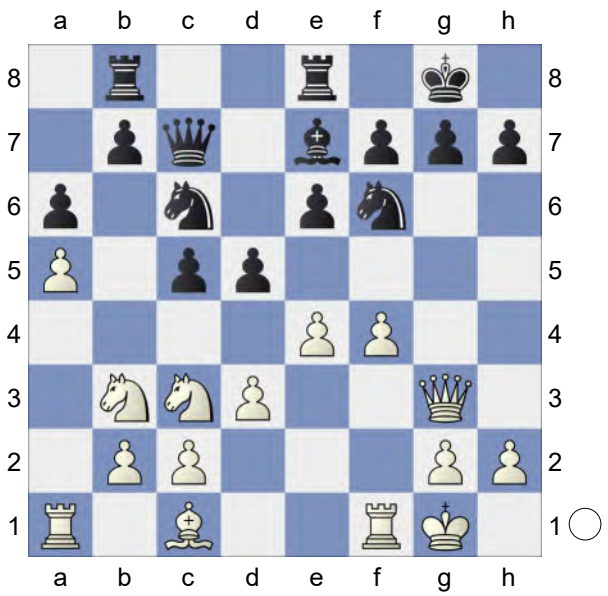
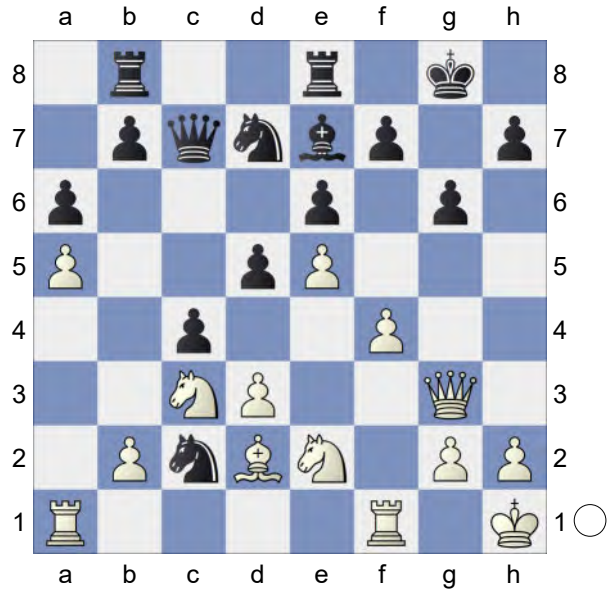


11.a4 a6 12.a5 Qc7 13.Nd2 Ne5 14.f4 Nc6 15.Nb3 -0.75/21
[15.Nf3= 0.13/19]
15...d5

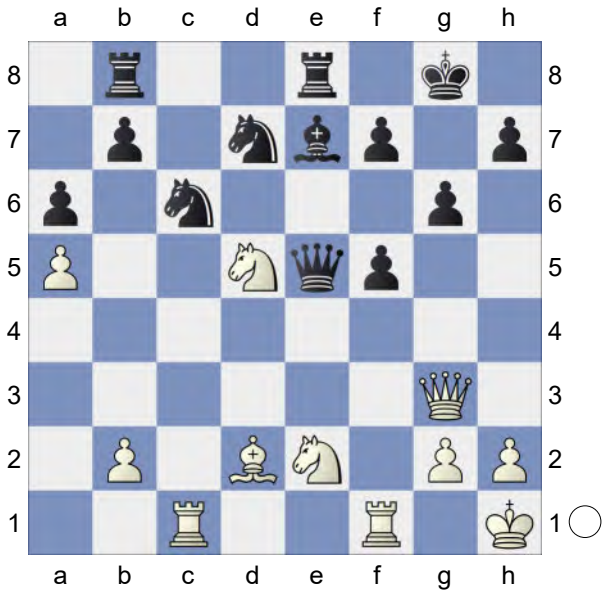


16.e5 Nd7 17.Kh1 -1.05/19
[17.Ne2∓ -0.50/19]
17...g6 -0.22/19
[17...c4!∓ -1.05/19 18.dxc4 dxc4]
18.Bd2 -0.66/20
[18.Ne2= -0.22/19]
18...c4∓ 19.Nc1 -1.41/21
[White should try 19.dxc4∓ -0.61/22 dxc4 20.Nc1]

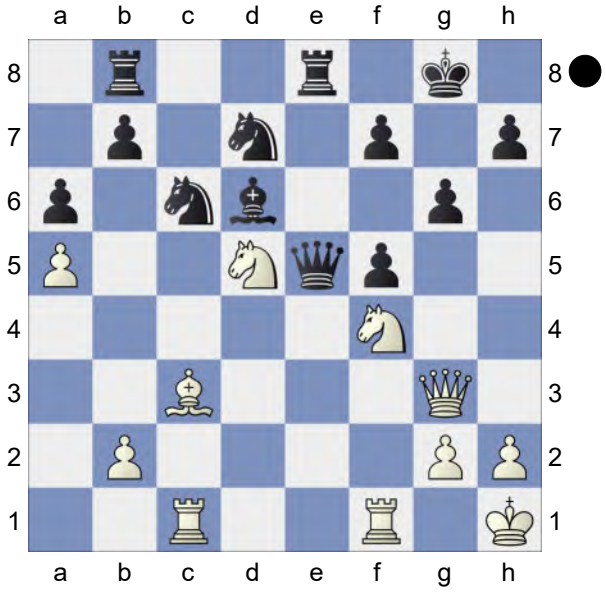
19...Nb4∓
[19...Nxa5 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxa5=]
20.N1e2 Nxc2



21.Rac1 cxd3 -0.73/23
[⩲21...Nb4! -1.24/21 22.d4 f5 *(22...Qxa5 23.f5=)*]
22.Qxd3 -1.35/18
[⩲22.Nxd5 -0.73/23 Qc4 *(22...exd5 23.Qxd3 Rbc8 24.Nd4=)* 23.Ne3]
22...Nb4 23.Qg3
[23.Nxd5? Qxc1 *(23...Nxd3 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7 25.Rxc7±)* 24.Nxe7+ Rxe7-+]
23...Nc6 24.f5 -1.82/18
[24.h4∓ -1.29/17]
24...exf5 -1.24/18
[24...Qxe5 25.Bf4 Qg7 26.fxe6 fxe6 27.Bxb8 Ncxb8 28.Qh3±]
[24...Nxa5? 25.Nxd5 Qxe5 26.fxe6 Qxe6 27.Nef4+-]
[24...Ndxe5-+ -1.82/18 25.Bf4 Rbc8 *(25...exf5 26.Nxd5 Qd8 27.Rcd1∓)* 26.fxe6 fxe6]
25.Nxd5 -1.92/21
[25.Rxf5∓ -1.24/18 Qxa5 26.Rxf7 Ndxe5 *(26...Kxf7 27.e6+ Kg8 28.exd7∓)* 27.Rf5 *(27.Ne4? Qb5-+)*]
25...Qxe5-+



26.Nef4 Bd6
[26...Qxb2 27.Bc3 Qb3 28.Nxe7+ Nxe7 29.Rb1∓]
27.Bc3



Qxd5 28.Nxd5 Bxg3 29.hxg3 Re6 30.Rcd1 Nce5

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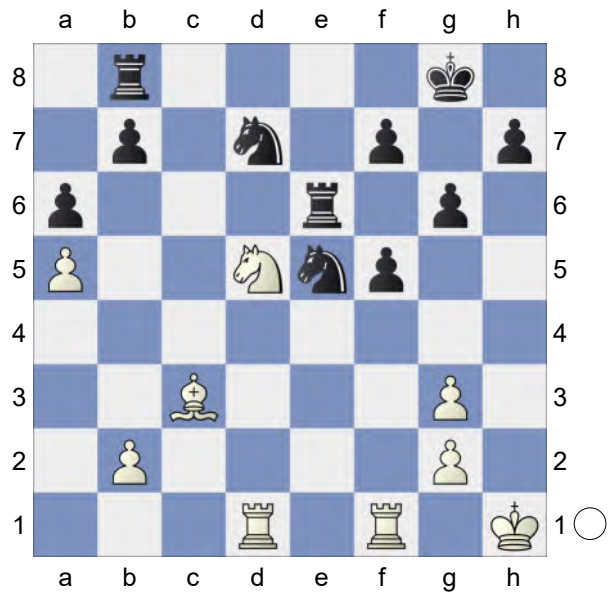
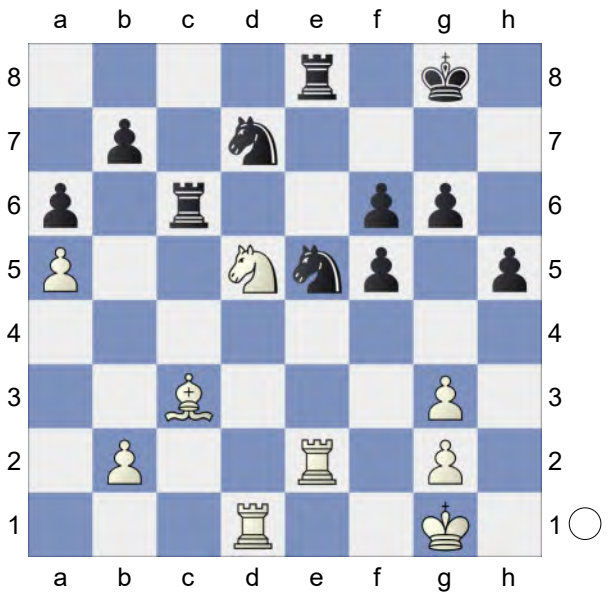


31.Rfe1 -2.43/22
[31.Nf4 -1.72/21 was necessary. Rc6 32.Rd5]
31...Rc8 32.Nf4 Ree8 33.Nd5 -2.53/18
[⌓33.Rd6 -1.75/17]
33...Rc6? -0.48/19
[33...f6-+ -2.53/18 34.Nxf6+ Nxf6 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Bxe5 Ng4]
34.Kg1? -2.02/19
[34.Nf4!∓ -0.48/19 Rcc8 35.Rd6]
34...h5? -0.46/18
[Black should try 34...f6-+ -2.02/19 35.Nxf6+ Nxf6 *(35...Rxf6 36.Rxd7 Nxd7 37.Rxe8+ Rf8 38.Re1=)* 36.Rxe5 Kf8]
35.Re2? -2.22/22
[35.Nf4!∓ -0.46/18 Rcc8 36.Kf1]
35...f6

(Diagram)



36.Bb4? -3.10/19
[36.Nxf6+∓ -1.43/21 Nxf6 *(36...Rxf6 37.Rxd7 Nxd7 38.Rxe8+ Kf7 39.Ra8∓)* 37.Rxe5]
36...Kf7 37.Rde1 Rcc8 38.Rd1 Ng4 -1.77/22
[⌓38...Nb8 -3.39/18 Hoping for ... Nbc6. 39.Bc3 Rcd8]
39.Red2 -3.15/18
[⌓39.Rxe8 -1.77/22 Kxe8 *(39...Rxe8 40.Nc7=)* 40.Re1+ Nde5 41.Nxf6+ Kf7 42.Nd5 *(42.Nxg4? Nxg4 43.Bc3 Rc5-+)*]
39...Nde5 40.b3 Red8

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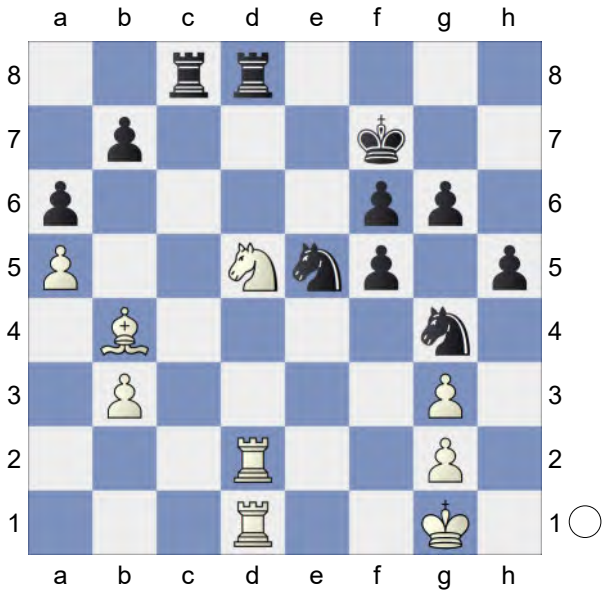
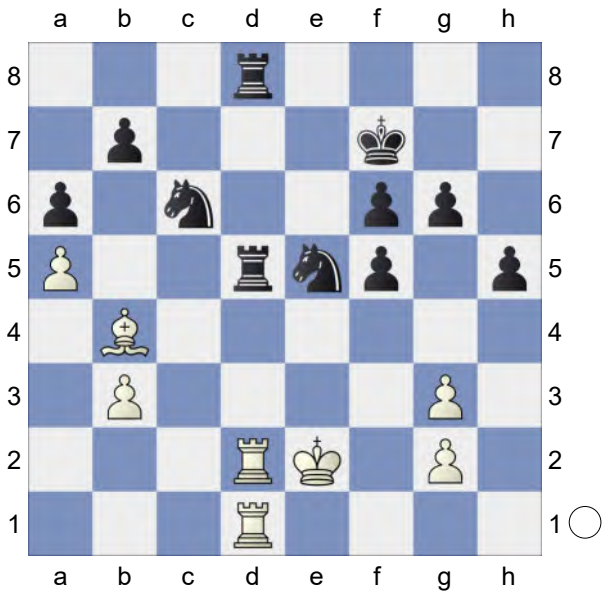


41.Rd4 Rd7 42.Kf1 Rcd8 43.Ke2 Nc6 44.R4d3 Nge5 45.R3d2 Rxd5



Remove Defender **46.Rxd5 Rxd5 47.Rxd5 Nxb4 48.Rd8 Nbc6 49.Rc8 Nxa5 50.b4**

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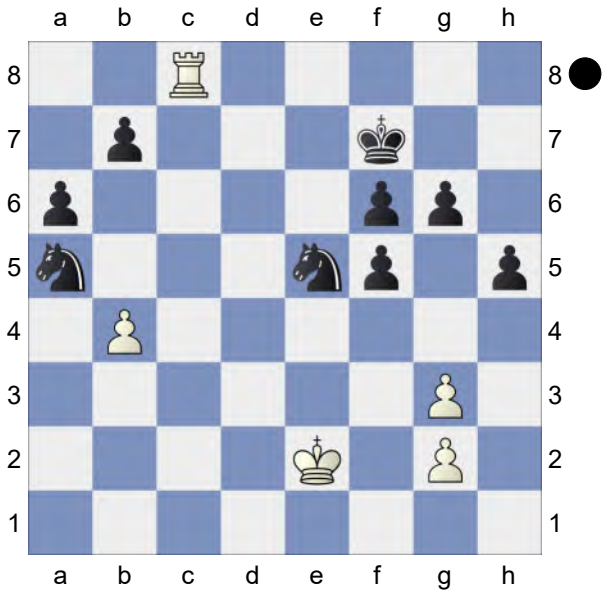
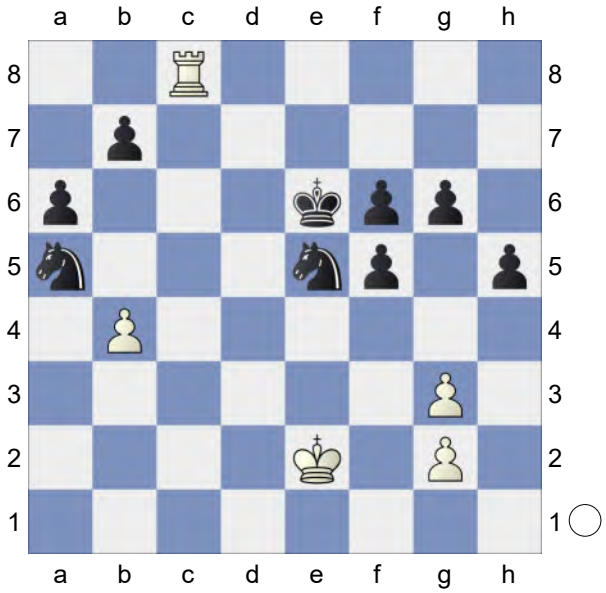


Ke6? -0.48/17



51.bxa5∓ Endgame KR-KN **51...Nc6 52.Rg8 Kf7**
[52...Nxa5 53.Rxg6 Nc4 54.Rh6±]
53.Rc8 Nxa5 54.Rc7+ -1.54/25
[54.Kd3!∓ -0.49/23]
54...Ke6∓ 55.Kf3 -1.99/24
[55.Kd3∓ -1.27/22]
55...g5-+
[55...b5 56.Ra7 Nc4 57.Rxa6+ Kd5 58.Ra8=]

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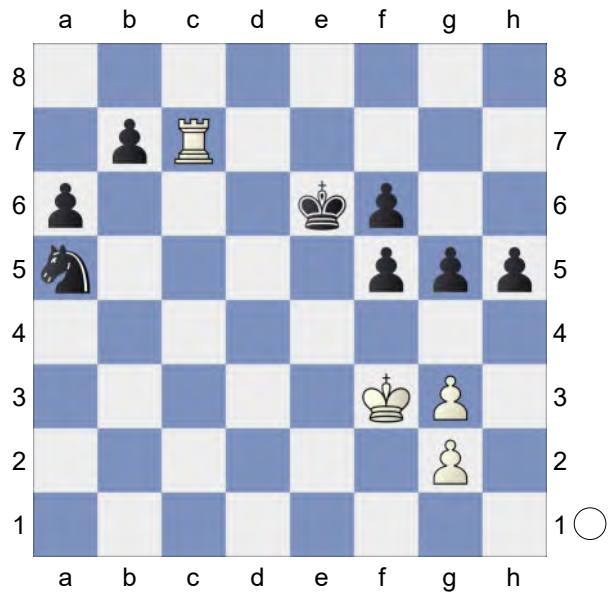
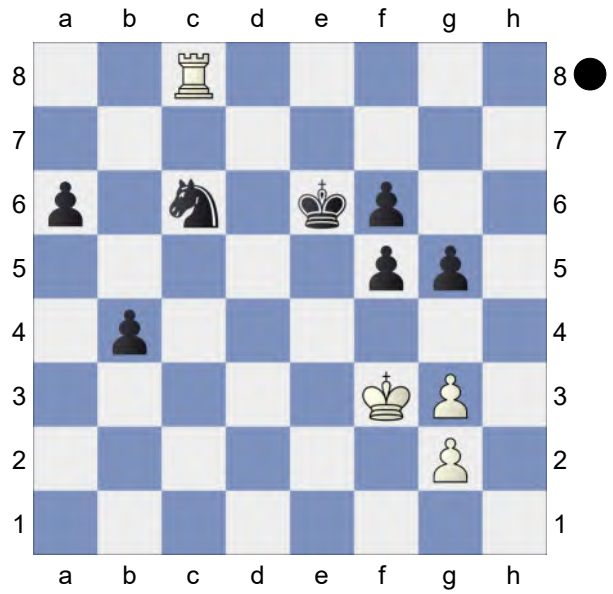


56.Rh7 b5 57.Rxh5? -4.18/24
[57.Ra7∓ -1.52/20 Nc4 58.Rxa6+ Nd6 59.Ra1]
57...b4 58.Rh8 Nc6 59.Rc8



a5?? 9.26/20 **60.Rxc6++-** KR-KP
60...Kd5

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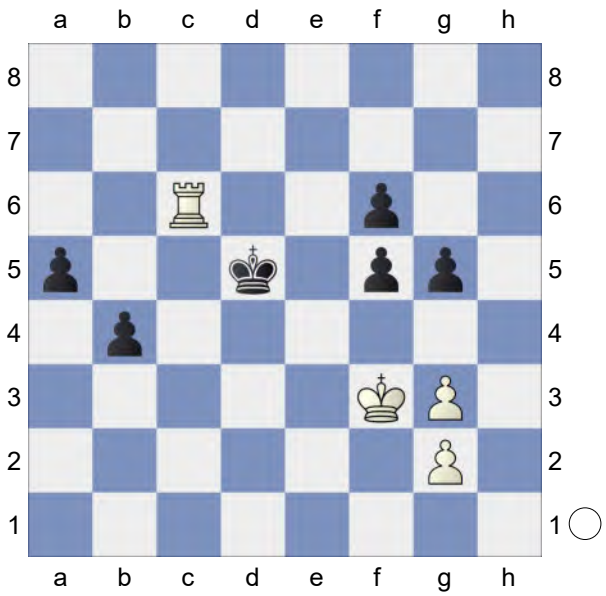

61.Ra6 b3 62.Rxa5+
[62.Rxf6 a4 63.Rxf5+ Kc4 64.Rxg5 *(64.Ra5? Kb4-+)* 64...b2-+]
62...Kc4 63.Ra6
[63.Rxf5? b2 64.Rxf6 b1Q-+ *(64...b1B? 65.Kg4+-)*]
63...b2 64.Rb6
[64.Rxf6? b1Q *(64...b1B? 65.Rg6+-)* 65.Rf8 Qb5-+ *(65...Qf1+? 66.Ke3-+)*]
64...Kc3 65.Rc6+
[65.Rxf6? b1Q *(65...b1B? 66.g4+-)* 66.Kf2 Qb4-+]
65...Kd2

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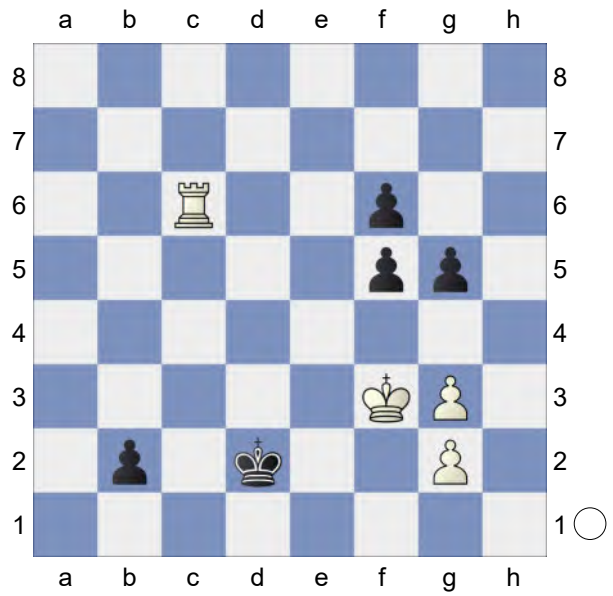

66.Rb6!
[66.Rxf6 b1Q *(66...b1B? 67.g4+-)* 67.Rd6+ Ke1 68.Re6+ Kf1 69.Ke3 Qb3+ *(69...Kxg2? 70.Kd4-+)* 70.Kd2 Qxe6 71.Kd3 Qe4+ *(71...Kxg2 72.Kd4 f4 73.gxf4 gxf4 74.Kd3 f3 75.Kd4 f2 76.Kd3 f1Q+ 77.Kd2 Qfc4 78.Kd1 Qee2#)* 72.Kc3 Ke2 *(72...Kxg2 73.Kb3 f4 74.gxf4 gxf4 75.Kc3 f3 76.Kb3 f2 77.Kc3 f1Q 78.Kb3 Qec4+ 79.Kb2 Qfc1#)* 73.g4 fxg4 *(73...Qxg2 74.Kc4 fxg4 75.Kc5 g3 76.Kd6 Qe4 77.Kd7 g2 78.Kc8 g1Q 79.Kc7 Qa7+ 80.Kd8 Qea8#)* 74.g3 Qa4 75.Kb2 Kd3 76.Kb1 Kc3 77.Kc1 Qc2#]
66...Kc2

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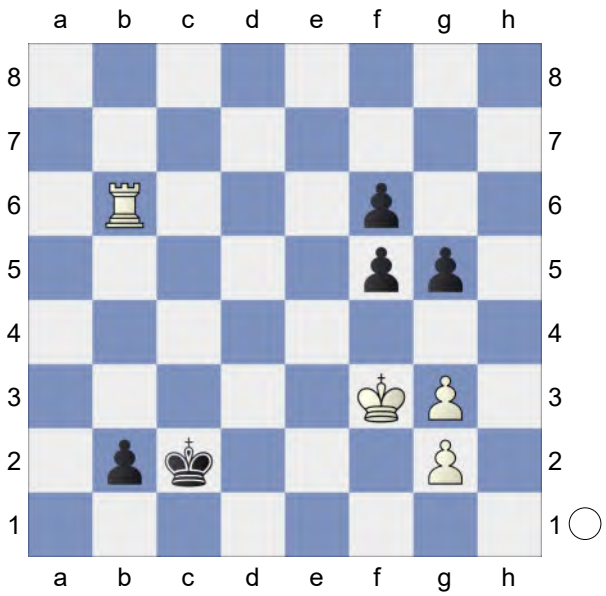

67.Rc6+? 0.00/18
[67.Rxf6 b1Q *(67...b1B? 68.Rxf5 Kc3 69.g4+-)* 68.Rxf5 Qd1+ 69.Ke4 Qe2+ 70.Kd4 Qxg2 71.Rc5+ Kd1-+]
[White has to play 67.g4!+- 9.44/36 f4 68.Ke4 *(68.Rxf6? b1Q-+; 68.Rc6+ Kd3+-)*]
67...Kd2? 9.90/36
[67...Kd1= 0.00/18 68.Rb6 *(68.Rxf6? b1Q-+)* 68...Kc2]
68.Rb6! White is clearly winning.
[68.Rxf6? b1Q *(68...b1B? 69.g4+-)* 69.Rd6+ Ke1 70.Re6+ Kf1-+]
68...g4+ 69.Kf4 Kc1

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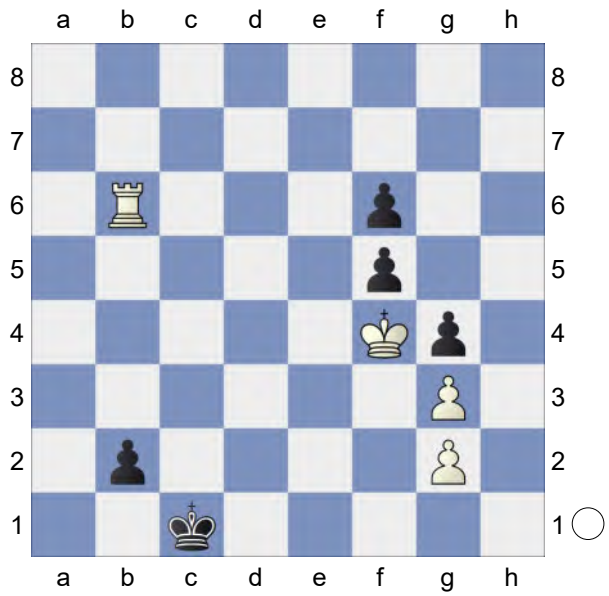
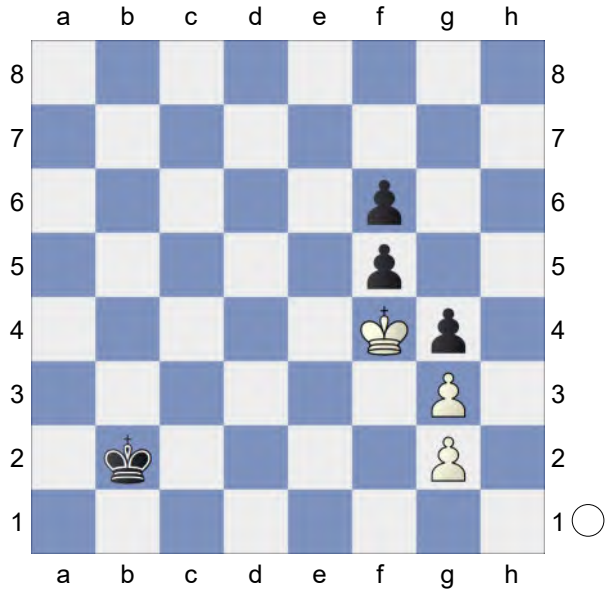


70.Rxb2! Kxb2



71.Kxf5 Kc3 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.58
72.Kxf6

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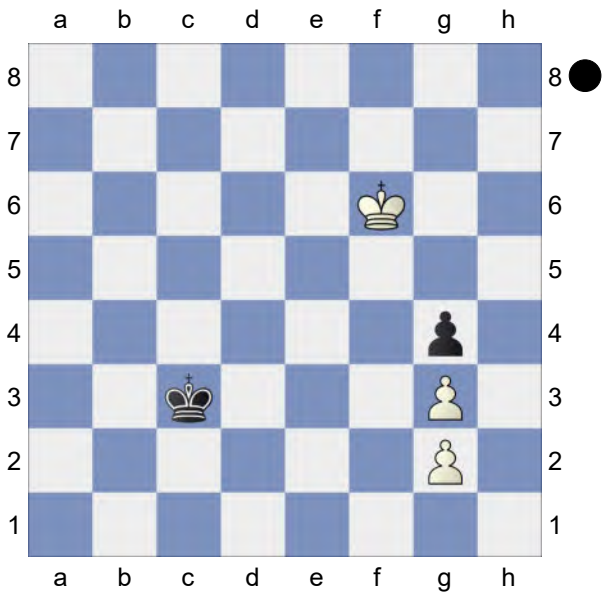

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25 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2801**
■ **Jeromeovich** **2573**
Blitz 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm

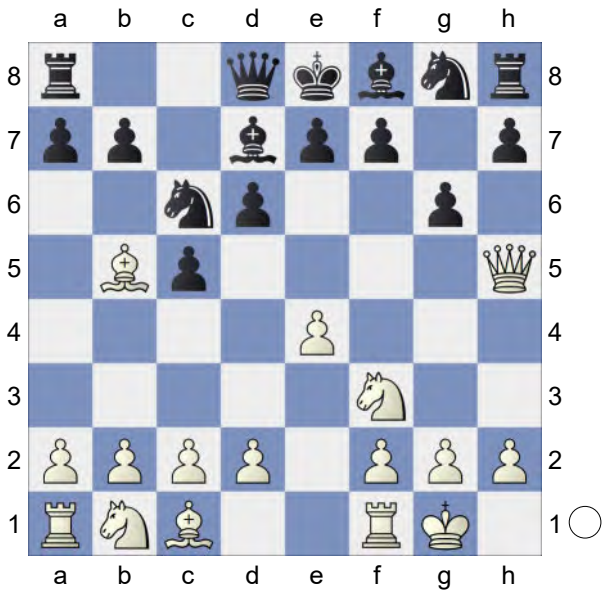
2017 (1.17)]

3.Nf3N

[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

3...Nc6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.0-0 g6



6.Qh4 Bg7 7.d3 e5 0.05/19

[7...h6∓ -0.66/19]

8.Bg5 -0.59/22

[White should play 8.Qxd8+= 0.05/19 Rxd8 9.Nc3]

8...Bf6 0.02/23

[8...Qc8∓ -0.59/22]

9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.c4 h6

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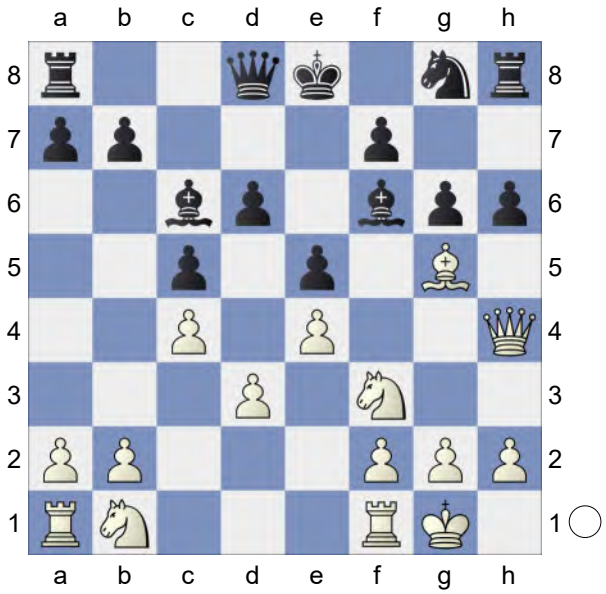

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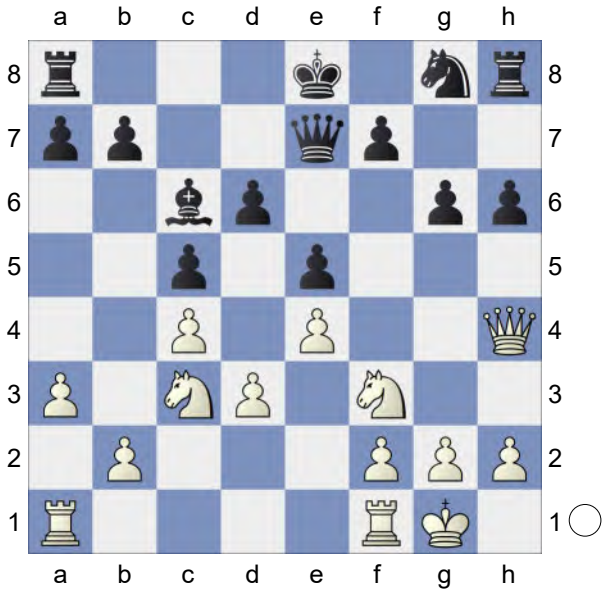

16.b4 b6 17.b5 Bd7 1.35/24

[Black should play 17...Bb7!± 0.37/21]

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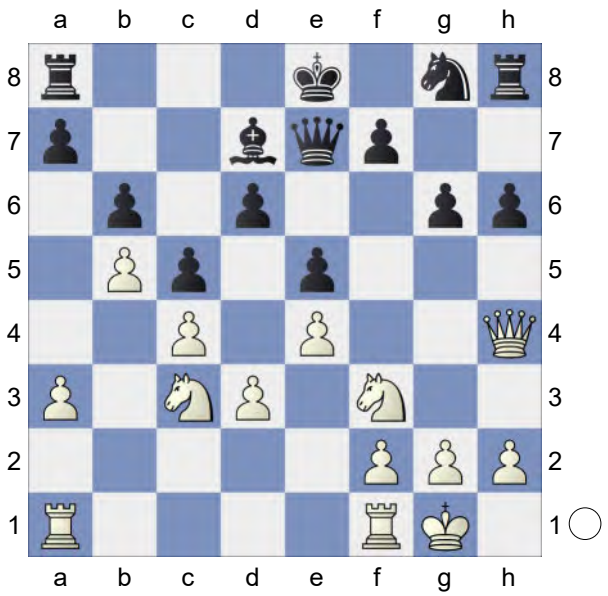
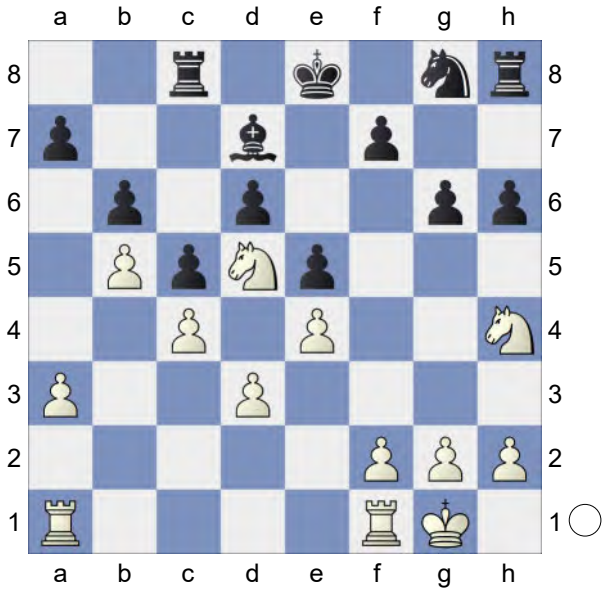


18.Nd5!↑ White is on the roll. **18...Qxh4**
19.Nxh4 A dynamic duo of knights.
19...Rc8



Repels Nc7+ **20.a4!** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **20...Be6**

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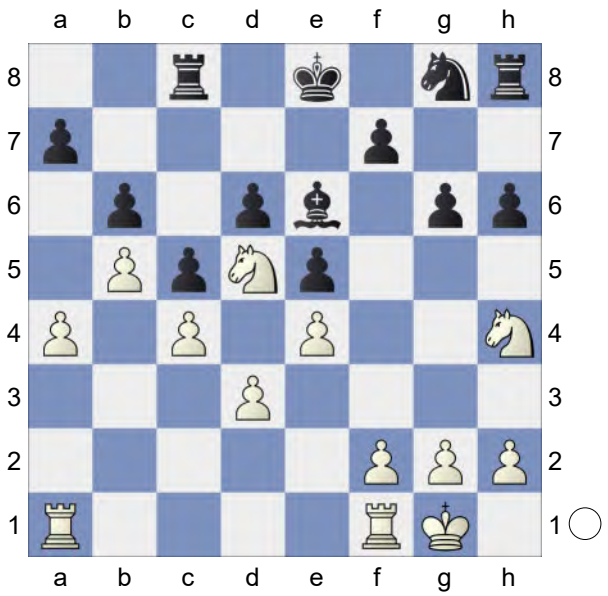
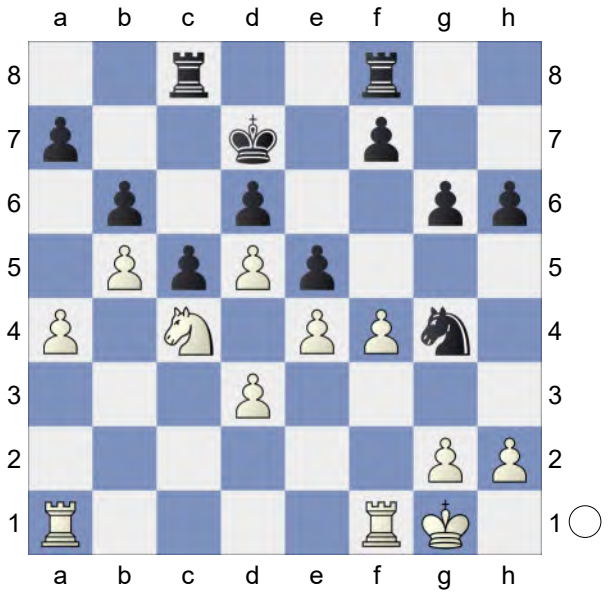
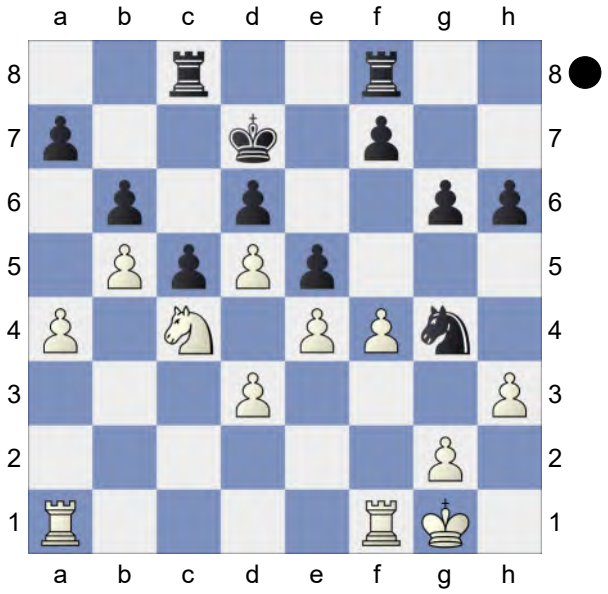


21.Nf3 1.28/22
[21.a5+- 1.69/26]
21...Bxd5 1.78/24
[21...Ne7± 1.28/22]
22.cxd5+- **Nf6** **23.Nd2** Threatens to win with a5. **23...Kd7?** 3.26/25
[23...Ke7 1.75/20 24.Nc4 Nd7]
24.f4 **Ng4** 4.22/23
[24...Ke7 2.49/22 25.fxe5 Discovered Attack dxe5]
25.Nc4 **Rhf8**



White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very

precise) /Black=0.47
26.h3



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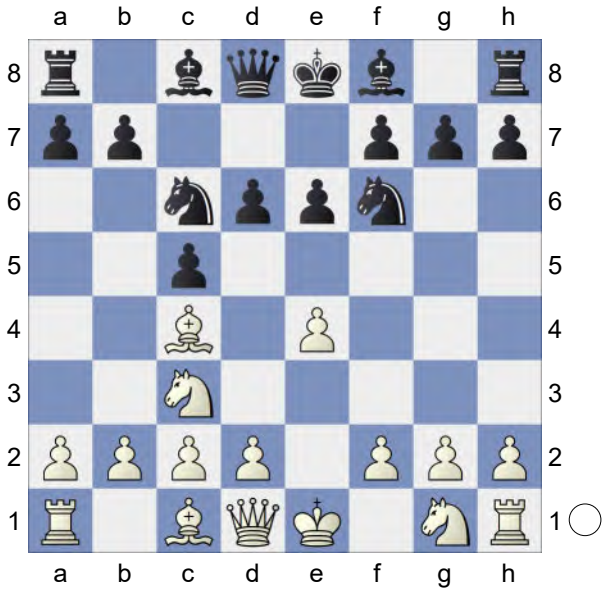
26 **B20**
□ **Polyclinical** **2799**
■ **Uragan1234** **2603**
Blitz 26.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qd1N
[5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
5...Nc6



6.Nf3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 The position is equal. **10...a6**

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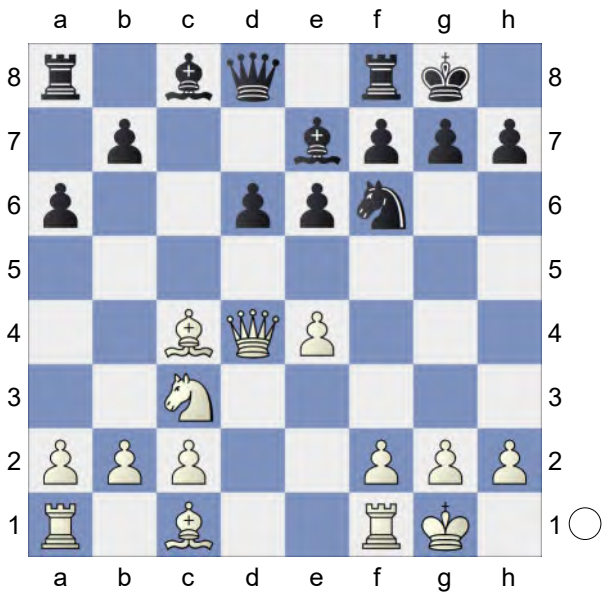
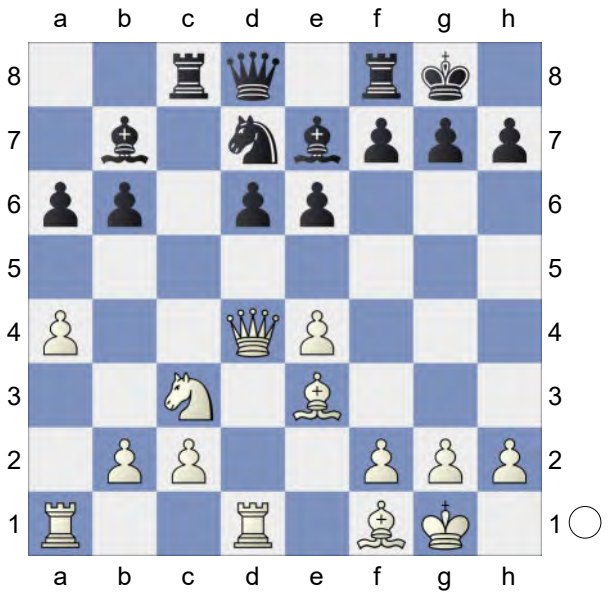


11.a4 b6 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Rfd1 Bb7 14.Bf1 Rc8



15.a5 -0.36/21 **bxa5**

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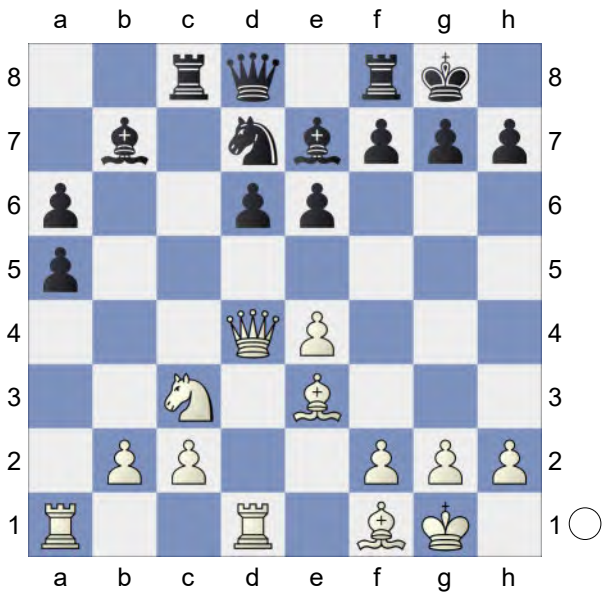


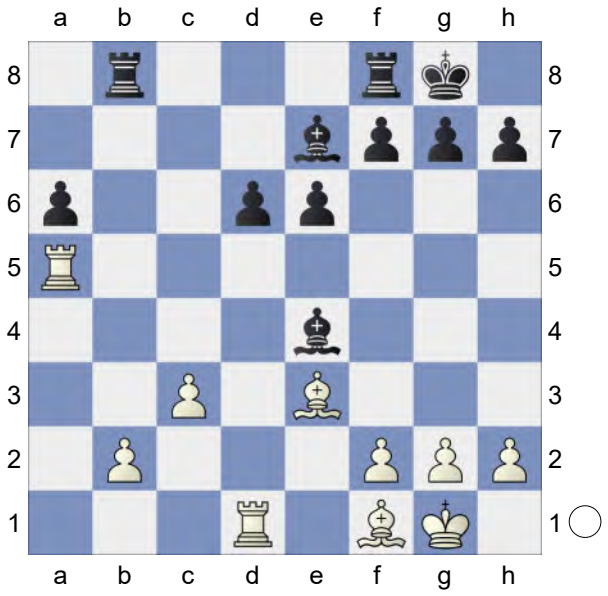
16.Qa4 Nc5 17.Qxa5 Qxa5

[17...Bxe4? 18.Bxc5 *(18.Bxa6 Qxa5 19.Rxa5 Nxa6=)* 18...Rxc5 19.Qxc5 *(19.Qxa6 Bxc2 20.Rdc1 Bg6∓)* 19...Bxc2 20.Qd4+-]

18.Rxa5 Nxe4

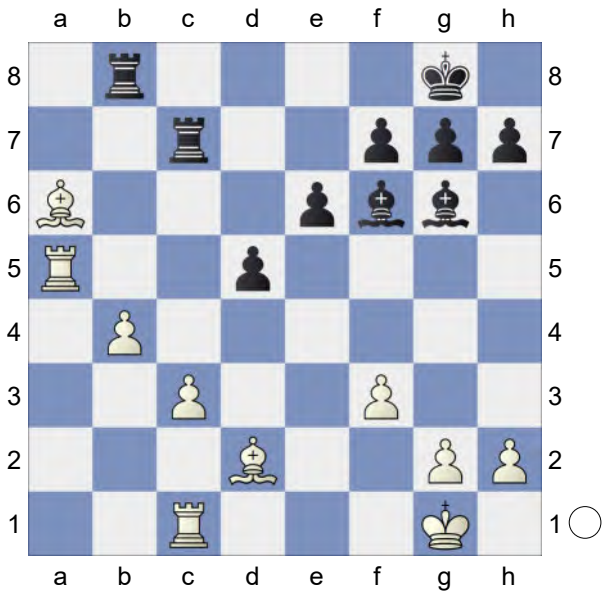
[18...Bxe4? loses. 19.Bxc5 *(19.Bxa6 Nxa6 20.Nxe4 Rc6±)* 19...Bxc2 20.Rd2+- *(20.Bxd6 Bxd1 21.Bxe7 Rfe8+-)*]

19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.c3 Rb8

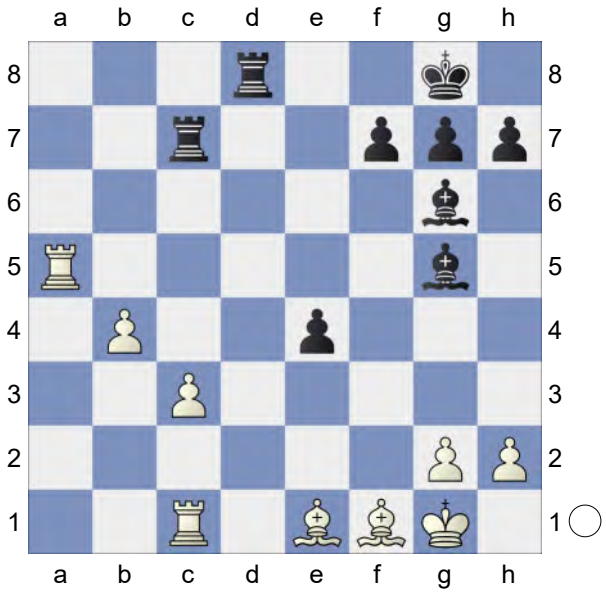


21.b4 Rfc8 22.Rc1 Bf6 23.Bd2 d5 24.Bxa6 Black must now prevent f3!.

24...Rc7 25.f3
[25.Bf4!? e5□ 26.Bd2=]
25...Bg6



26.Bf4 e5 27.Bd2 Rd8 28.Bf1 e4 29.fxe4 dxe4 30.Be1 White now steadily converts the win. **30...Bg5?** 4.16/22



31.Rca1? 0.13/19
[31.Rxg5+- 4.16/22 f6 32.Ra5]
31...h5? 4.72/18 **32.Rxg5+- Re8 33.b5 e3 34.Be2 Be4 35.b6 Rb7**

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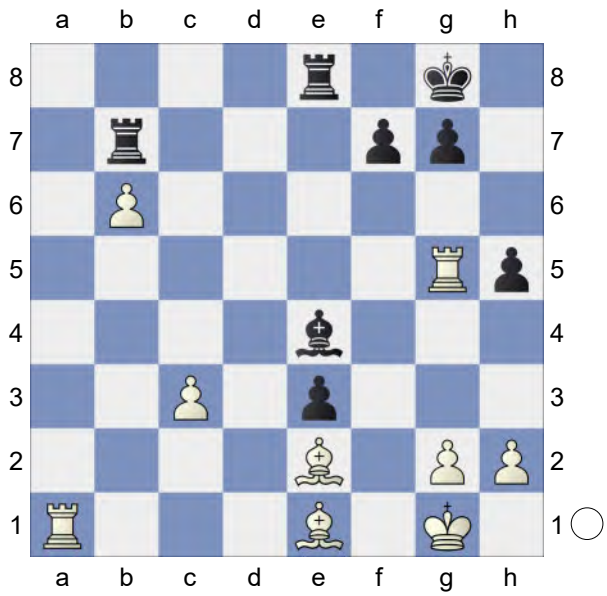
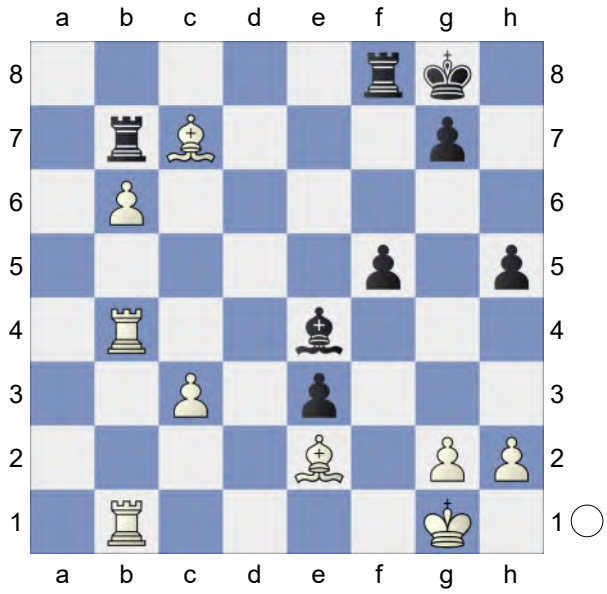


36.Rb5
[36.Bxh5 Rxb6 37.c4 g6±]
36...Bc6 37.Rb4 Reb8 38.Rab1 f5 39.Bg3 Rf8 40.Bc7 Be4 7.36/18
[⌓40...Rc8 4.83/15 41.Re1 *(41.Bxh5 Ra8+-)* 41...Re8]



41.Rxe4! fxe4 42.Bc4+ Kh8 43.Bd5 Rxb6 44.Bxb6 A strong pair of Bishops. **44...e2 45.Bxe4 Re8**

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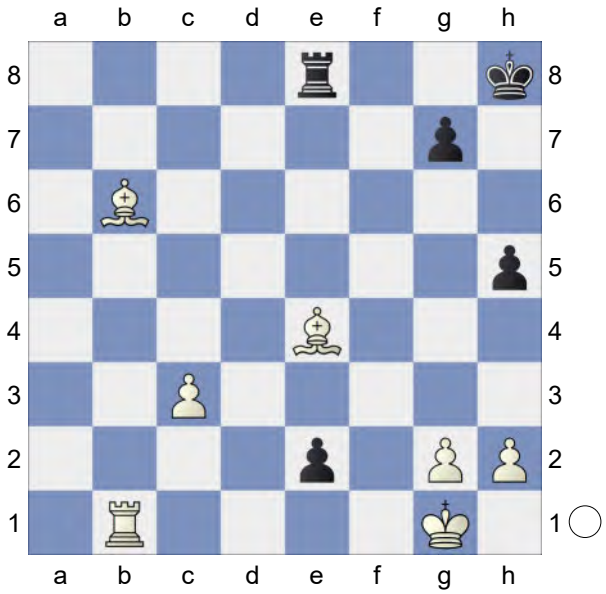
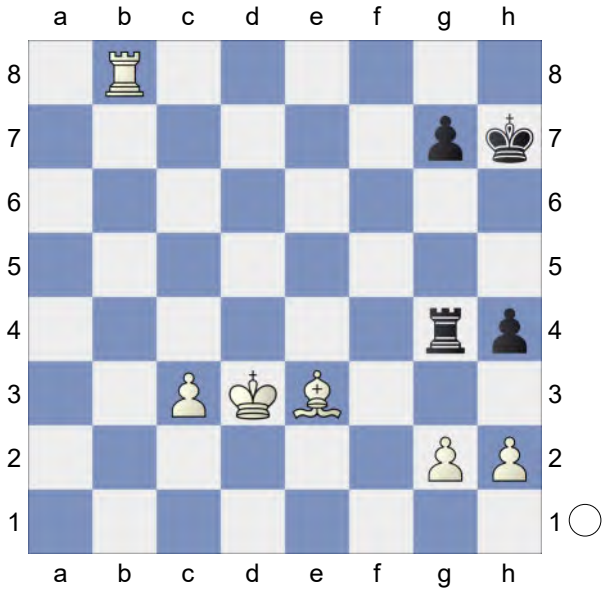


46.Kf2! Rxe4 Endgame KRB-KR **47.Be3 h4 48.Kxe2 Rc4 49.Kd3 Rg4 50.Rb8+ Kh7**



51.Rb4 h3 52.Rxg4 hxg2 53.Rxg2 White mates. **53...g5 54.Rxg5 Kh6 55.Ke4 Kh7**

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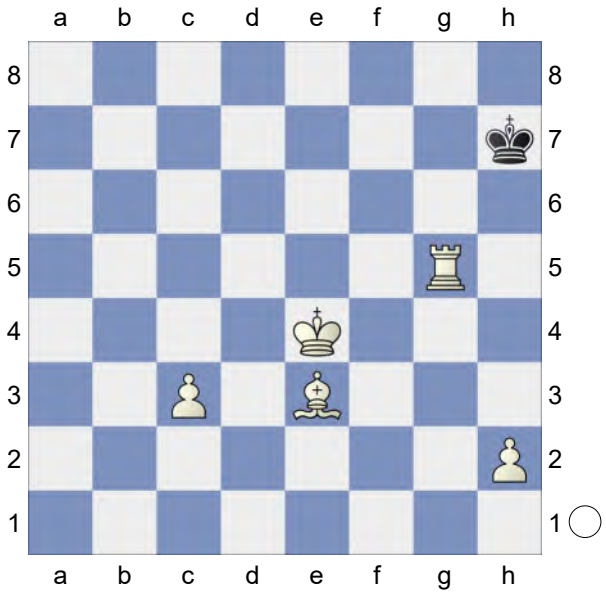

56.Kf5 Kh8 57.Kf6 Kh7 58.Kf7 Kh6 59.h3 Kh7

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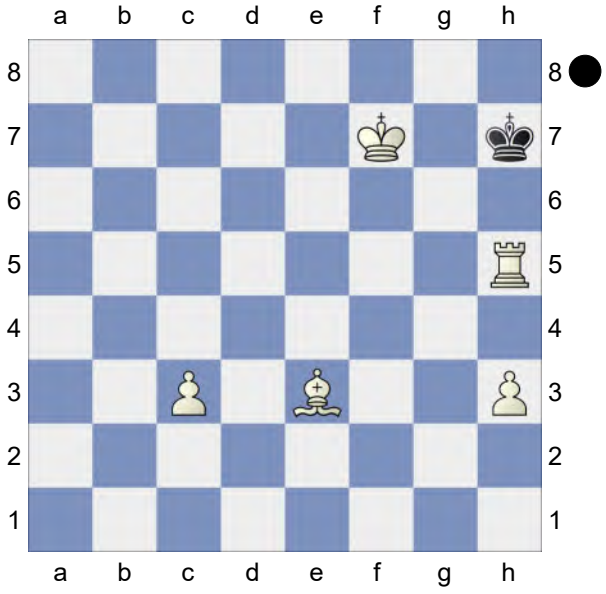
60.Rh5#



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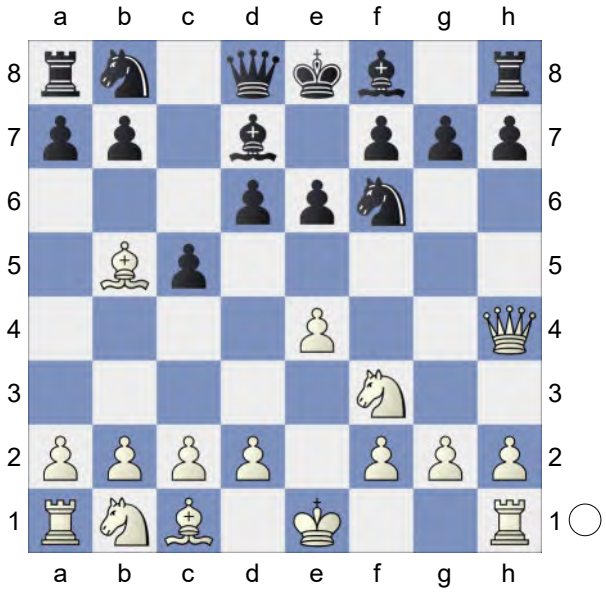
27 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2799**
■ **Fandorine96** **2855**
Blitz 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7



6.Bxd7+N
[6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 d5 20.f3 c4 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
6...Nbxd7 -0.21/21
[6...Qxd7∓ -0.66/23 7.d3 Nc6]
7.d3= Be7 8.0-0 The position is equal.
8...0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.a4 b6

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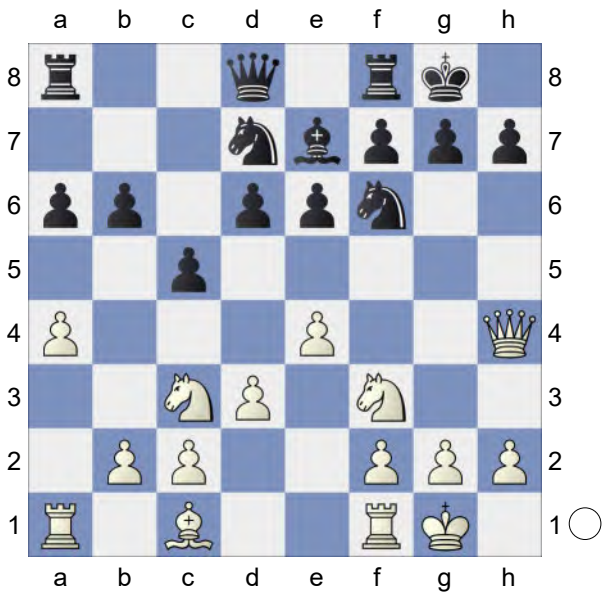
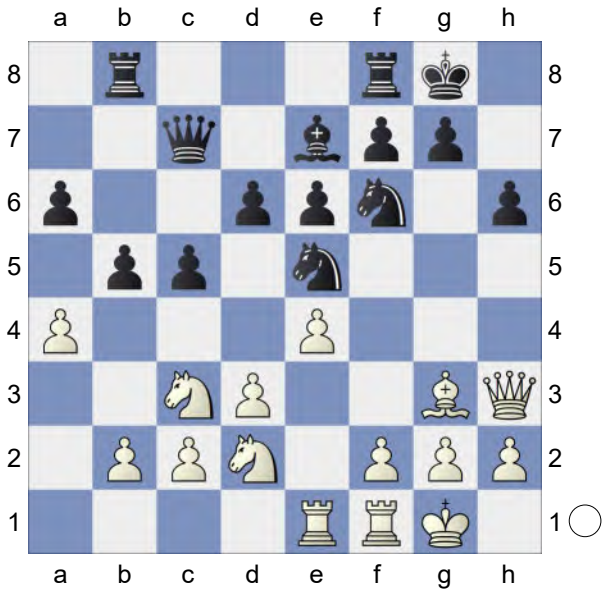
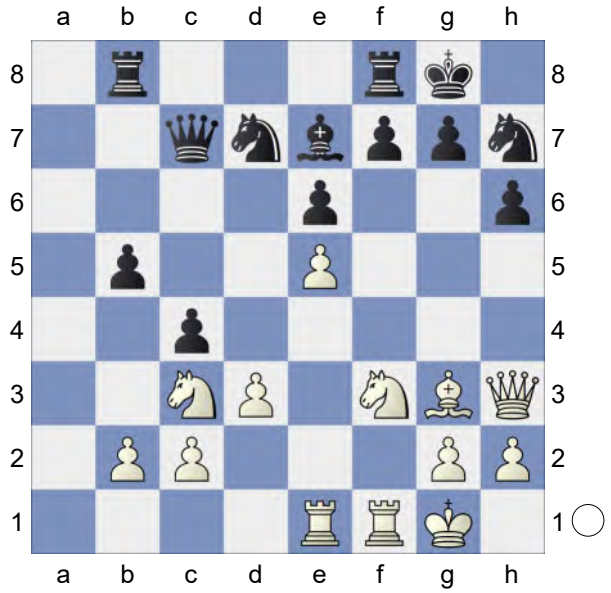


11.Qh3 h6 12.Bf4 0.00/18
[12.Nd2± 0.37/20]
12...Qc7 13.Rae1 Ne5 14.Nd2 Rab8 15.Bg3 -0.19/19
[15.Bxh6 0.18/21 gxh6 16.f4]
15...b5 0.37/21
[15...Nc6= -0.19/19]

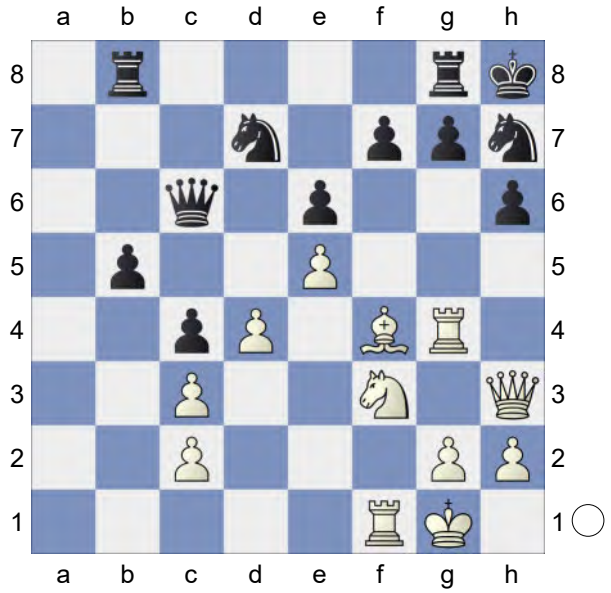


16.f4 -0.09/21
[16.axb5± 0.37/21 axb5 17.f4]
16...Ned7 0.48/20
[Black should try 16...Nc6= -0.09/21]
17.axb5 axb5 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5

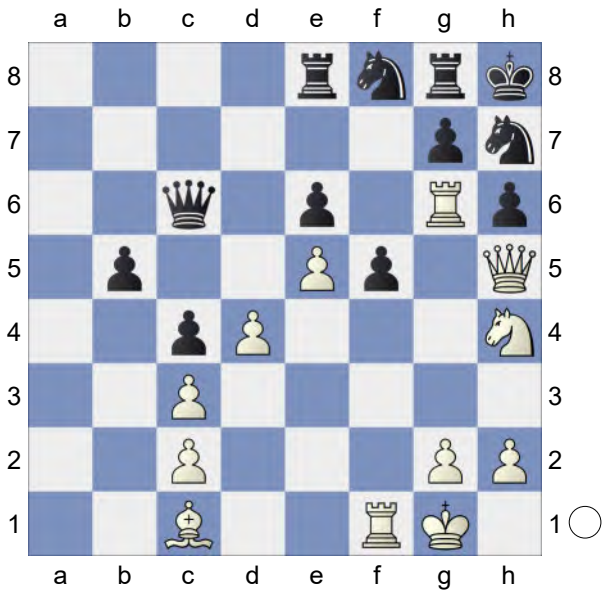
Nh7 20.Nf3 0.27/18 White is more active.
[20.Nce4± 0.63/19 is superior.]
20...c4



21.d4 Bb4 0.60/20
[21...Nb6= 0.09/18]
22.Re4± Bxc3 1.03/18
[22...Qc6± 0.59/20]
23.bxc3± Qc6 1.82/21
[23...b4± 0.84/20]
24.Rg4 1.00/19
[24.Rh4!+- 1.82/21]
24...Kh8 25.Bf4 Rg8!



26.Qh5 0.00/17
[26.Bc1± 0.65/18]
26...Rbf8? 3.47/21
[26...f5!= 0.00/17 27.Rg3 Ndf8]
27.Bc1? 0.82/19
[27.Ng5!+- 3.47/21 Nhf6 *(27...hxg5 28.Bxg5 Rd8 29.Rh4+-)* 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.Nxf7+ Rxf7 30.Qxf7 Nxg4 31.Qg6]
27...f5 1.54/18
[⌓27...Qa8 0.82/19]
28.Rg6→ Black is in trouble. **28...Re8** 2.05/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[28...Rc8± 1.54/20 29.Nh4 Ndf8]
29.Nh4 Ndf8 3.21/19
[29...Qa8 1.97/19 30.Bf4 Re7]



30.g4? 0.94/18
[30.Qxf5!+- 3.21/19 and the rest is easy. Threatens to win with Qg4. Qd7 *(30...Ra8 31.Rxe6)* 31.Qg4]
30...Qe4? 3.40/19
[30...f4± 0.94/18]

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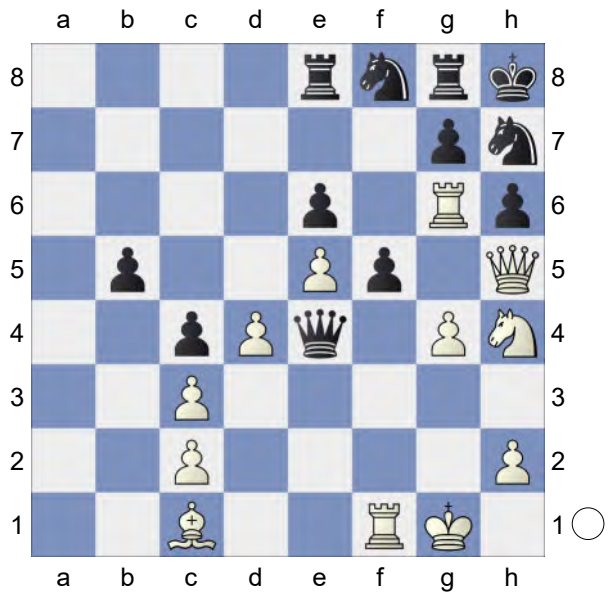

31.gxf5!+-
[31.Bxh6 gxh6 32.Rxg8+ Kxg8∓]
31...exf5 32.Rxf5 0.70/22
[32.Nxf5+- 3.84/17 Qxc2 *(32...Nxg6? 33.Nd6+-)* 33.Rg2]
32...Qe1+ 1.80/17
[32...Ra8± 0.70/22 33.Rf1 Ra1]
33.Rf1 Qxc3 34.Rg4 g5? 4.97/21
[34...Re7 2.81/19 was necessary. 35.Nf5 Rd7]
35.Nf5 Ng6 5.98/18
[⌓35...Ne6 3.74/17 36.Nxh6 Ref8 37.Nf7+ Rxf7 38.Qxf7 Nxd4]

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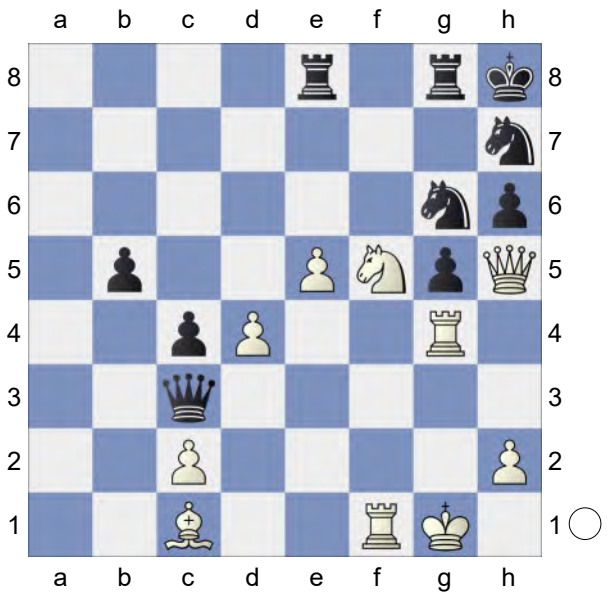
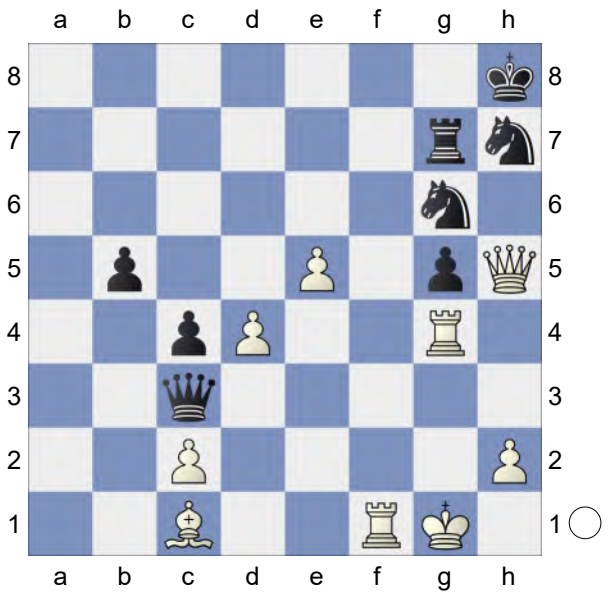


36.Nxh6 White threatens Nf7+ and mate. **36...Rg7 37.Nf7+ Kg8 38.Nh6+ Kh8 39.Nf5 Reg8 40.Nxg7**
[40.Bxg5 Nxe5 41.Nxg7 *(41.dxe5 Rxg5 42.Nh6 Rxg4+* Remove Defender *43.Nxg4 Qd4+ 44.Kg2 Rxg4+-+)* 41...Nxg4±]
40...Rxg7



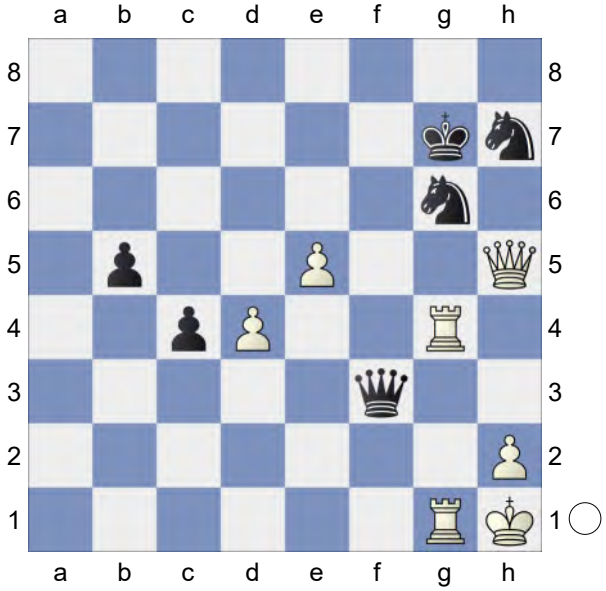
41.Bxg5 Qxc2 42.Bf6 Pin **42...Kg8 43.Bxg7 Kxg7 44.Kh1** 10.14/18
[⌓44.e6 #9/15 Nf6 45.Qe5 *(45.Qxb5 Nxg4 46.Qh5 Nf6±)* 45...Qd3 46.Qxf6+ *(46.Rxf6 Qb1+*

47.Rf1+ Discovered Attack (Check) *Kh7 48.Qh5+ Kg7 49.Rxb1 Kf8 50.Qf5+ Ke8 51.Qf7+ Kd8 52.Qd7#)* 46...Kh7 47.Qg5 *(47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Kh1 Qc2 49.e7 Qe2 50.Qf6+ Kg8 51.Rxg6+ Kh7 52.Qg7#)* 47...Qxd4+ 48.Rxd4 c3 49.Rf7+ *(49.Qxb5 Kh6 50.Qf5 Kg7 51.Qf7+ Kh6 52.Rf6 Kh5 53.Qxg6#)* 49...Kh8 50.Qh6+ Kg8 51.Qh7#]

44...Qd3 45.Rfg1? 0.00/18

[Better is 45.Rxg6++- 10.06/18 Qxg6 46.Rg1 Pin]

45...Qf3+=



46.R1g2 Qf1+ 47.Rg1 Qf3+ 48.R4g2? -6.81/18

[48.R1g2= 0.00/18 Qd1+ 49.Rg1 Qf3+]

48...Qxh5-+ 49.e6 Qf5 50.e7

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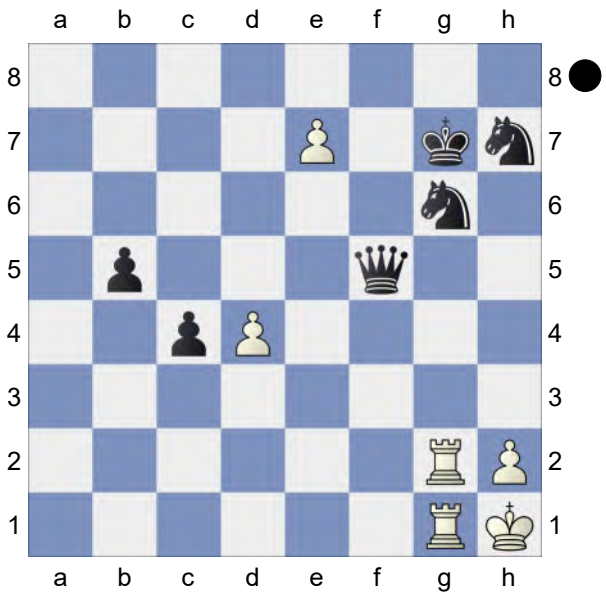
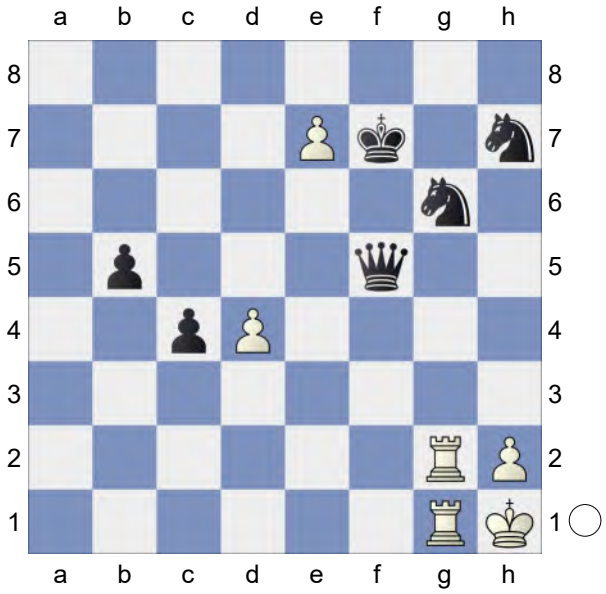


Kf7



51.Rxg6 Ke8 52.R6g5

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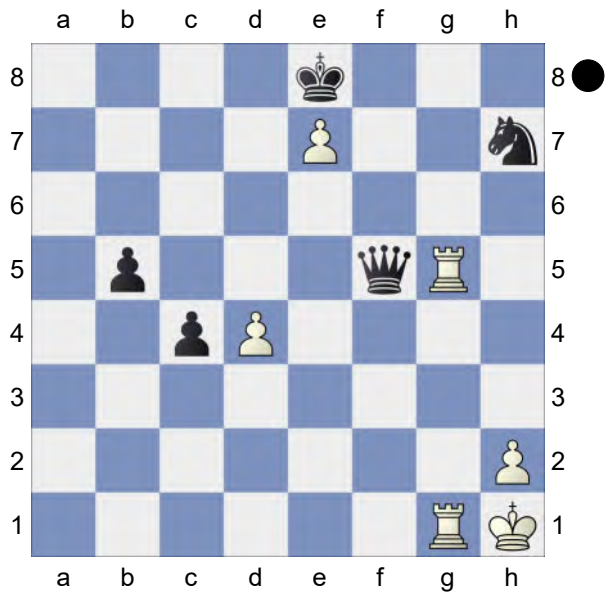
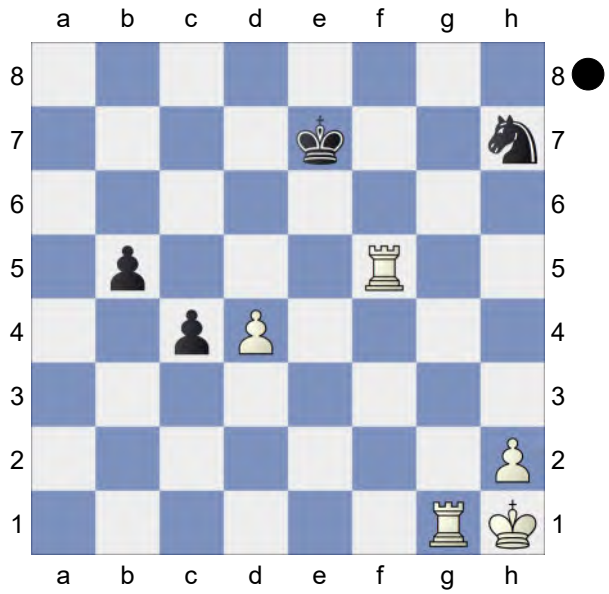


Kxe7?? 7.80/24

Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.82

53.Rxf5



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28 **B20**

□ **Popmilan95** **2798**

■ **Mischuk,Dmitry** **2764**

Blitz 27.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4

[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]

3...e5

[3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5N

[5.Bc4 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qg3 Nb4 12.Bh6 Bf6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.Nf4 Kh8 16.a3 a4 17.Qf3 Ra6 18.Bc4 bxc4 19.axb4 gxh6 0-1 (24) Praggnanandhaa,R (2608)-Klimkowski,J (2296) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd Mar blitz 2021 (7)]

5...Be7

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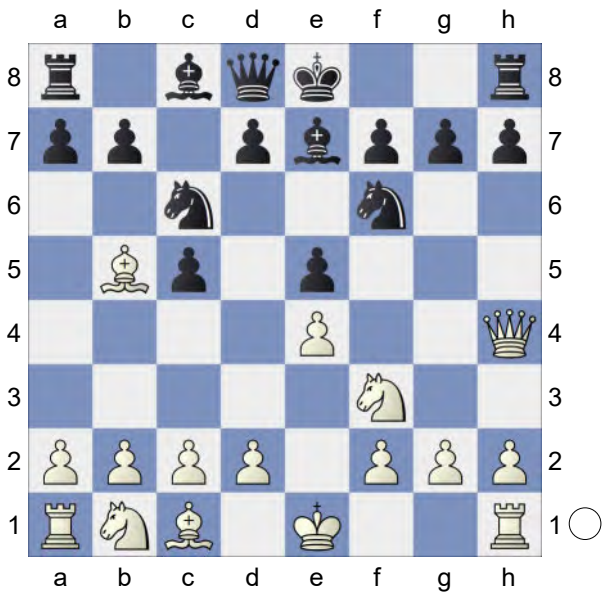
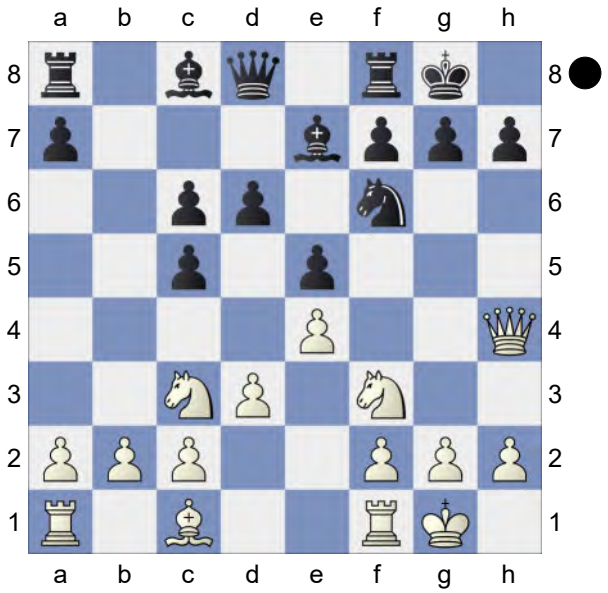


6.0-0 d6 7.d3 0-0 -0.52/18
[7...h6∓ -0.94/21]
8.Bxc6 -0.97/27
[8.Bc4∓ -0.52/18
is more appropriate.]
8...bxc6∓ 9.Nc3



Nd5 -0.73/22 **10.Bg5 Bxg5** -0.44/21
[Black should try 10...Nf6∓ -0.91/23]

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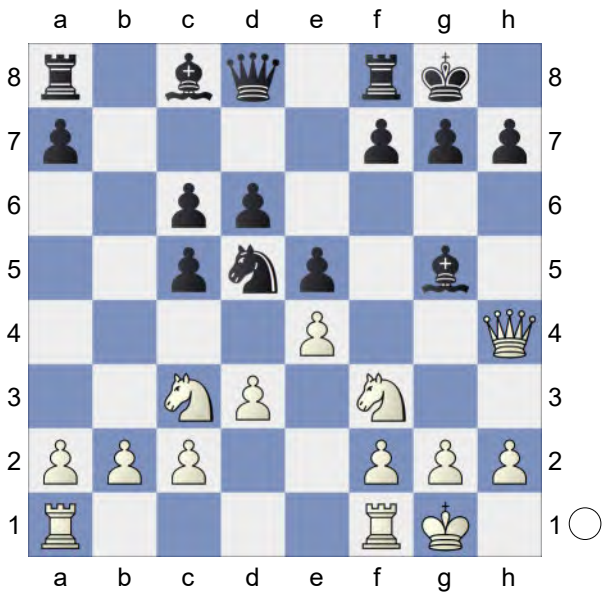
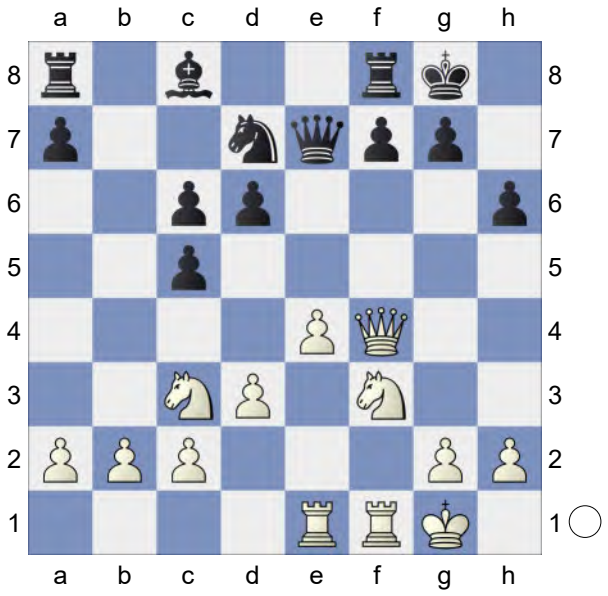
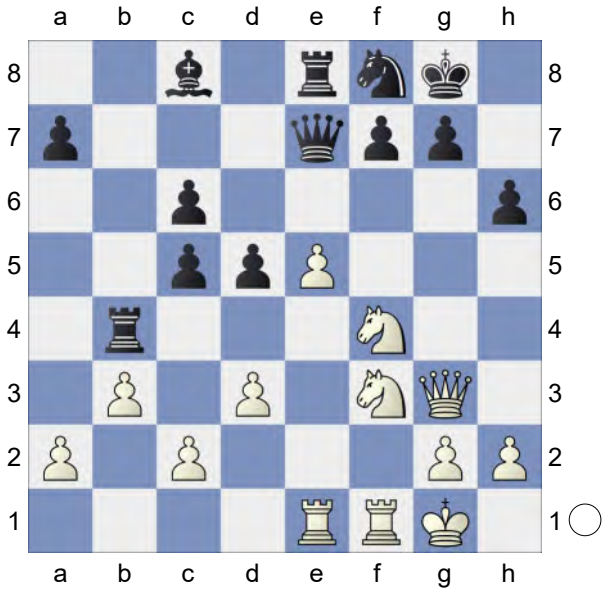


11.Nxg5∓ Nf6 0.00/20
[11...h6!∓ -0.53/22 12.Nf3 *(12.exd5 hxg5 13.Qa4 cxd5∓)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5]
12.f4 h6 13.Nf3 exf4 0.32/20
[13...c4!= -0.23/19]
14.Qxf4± Qe7 1.09/19
[14...c4= 0.29/17]
15.Rae1 0.64/22
[15.e5± 1.09/19 Nh5 16.exd6]
15...Nd7



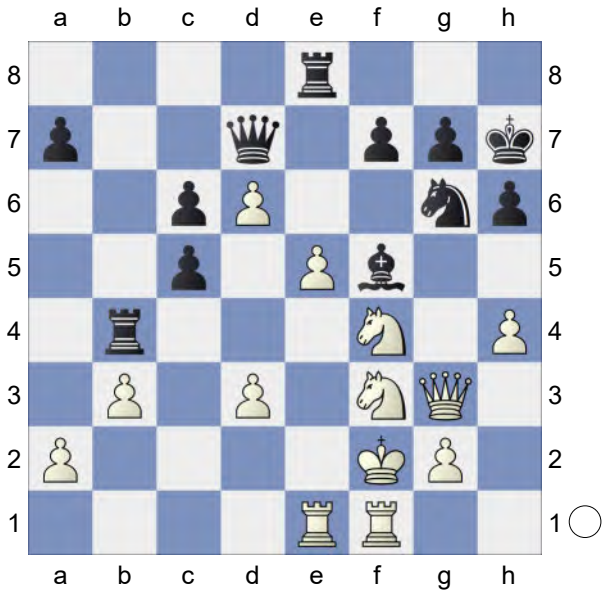
16.e5 d5 17.Qg3 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.

17...Rb8 1.29/20
[17...Re8!± 0.68/18]
18.b3 0.82/20
[⌓18.Ne2! 1.29/20]
18...Rb4 1.68/19
[18...Rb7± 0.82/20]
19.Ne2+- Re8 20.Nf4 1.09/17
[20.e6+- 1.82/22 Nf8 21.exf7+ Qxf7 22.Ne5]
20...Nf8±



21.c4 0.61/18
[21.e6!± 1.24/17 Nxe6 22.Nh5]
21...Be6 22.h4 Kh7 23.Kf2→ 0.14/21
White is up to no good.
[23.Re2± 0.61/18]
23...Bf5 1.57/18
[23...Rbb8= 0.14/21]
24.cxd5 Ng6 1.94/20
[24...Qd8± 1.48/18]
25.d6+- Qd7

(Diagram)



26.Nxg6 Bxg6 2.13/19
[⌓26...fxg6 1.74/19 27.Re3 *(27.Kg1 Rg4±)* 27...Rg4]
27.Re3 Rg4? 4.72/20
[27...a5 2.10/15 28.Rc1 a4 29.Rxc5 axb3]
28.Qh2? 1.82/18
[28.e6 4.72/20 Rxg3 29.exd7 Rxf3+ 30.Kxf3 *(30.gxf3 Rd8+-)*]
28...a5 2.47/21
[⌓28...Bh5 1.82/18 29.Qh3 *(29.Rc1 Re6+-)* 29...Qe6]
29.Rfe1 e6! is the strong threat. **29...a4?** 3.78/21
[29...Qe6± 1.60/18 30.Rc1 a4]
30.Kg1? 1.07/18
[30.e6+- 3.78/21 Rxe6 31.Rxe6 fxe6 32.Ne5 Qxd6 33.Nxg4 Qd4+ 34.Ne3]
30...Qf5 2.93/19
[30...Qe6± 1.07/18 is a better defense.]

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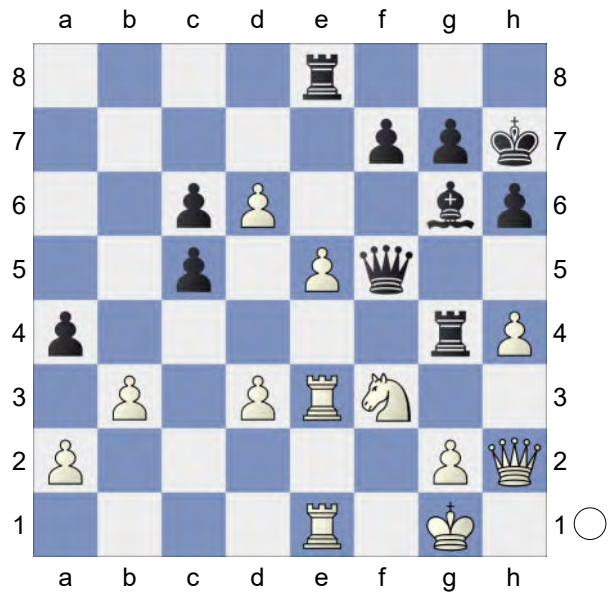
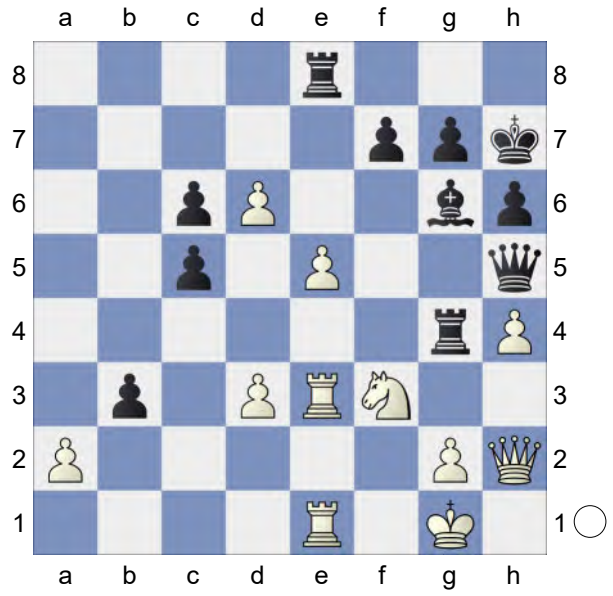
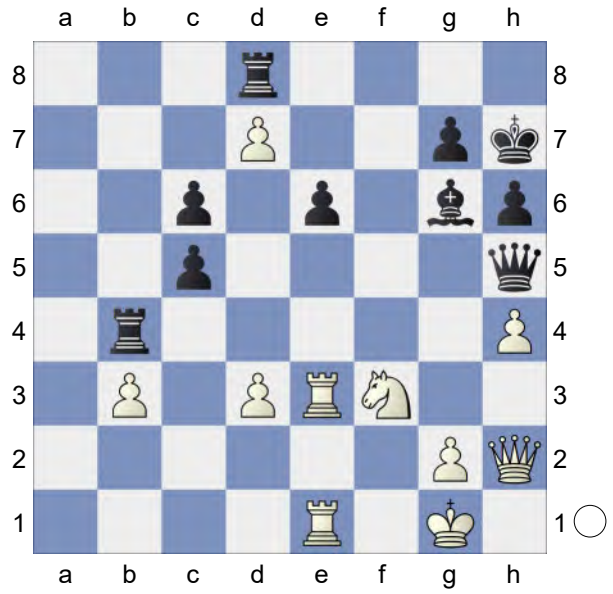


31.Nd2? 0.73/21
[31.e6+- 2.93/19 and White stays clearly on top. Rxe6 32.h5 *(32.Ne5 Rd4±)* 32...Rxe3 *(32...Qxh5? 33.Qxh5 Bxh5 34.Rxe6+-; 32...Bxh5? 33.Rxe6 fxe6 34.d7+-)* 33.hxg6+ Rxg6 34.Rxe3]
31...Qh5 32.Nf3 0.41/19
[32.g3± 0.88/20]
32...axb3 1.54/20
[32...Bf5!± 0.41/19]



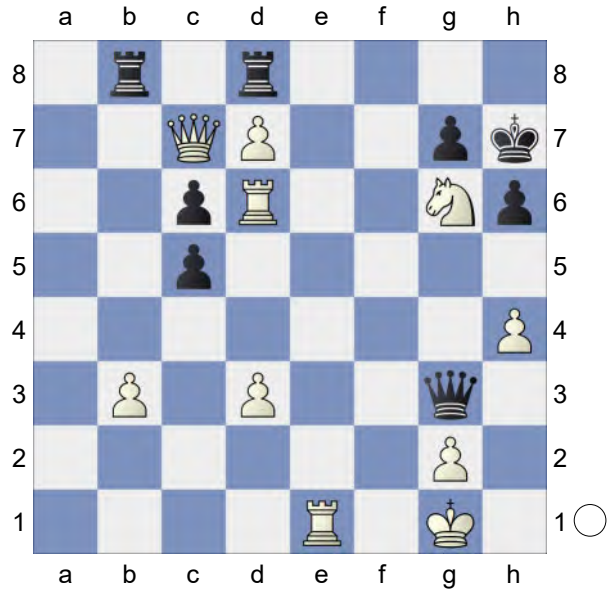
33.axb3? -0.01/19
[White should try 33.d7!± 1.54/20 Ra8 *(33...Rd8? 34.e6+-)* 34.e6 *(34.axb3 Bf5=)* 34...fxe6 35.axb3]
33...Rb4? 4.15/21
[33...Bf5= -0.01/19]
34.e6 fxe6 35.d7 Rd8



36.Qc7
[36.Rxe6 Rxd7 37.Qg3 Bf5 *(37...Bxd3? 38.Ne5+-* Discovered Attack, Double Attack; *37...Rxd3? 38.Rxg6* Decoy *Qxg6 39.Qxg6+ Kxg6 40.Ne5+ Kh5 41.Nxd3+-; 37...Rxb3? 38.Ne5+-)* 38.Rxc6 Rxd3±]
36...Rbb8 37.Rxe6
[37.Qxc6 Qd5 38.Rxe6 Qxc6 39.Rxc6 Bxd3±]
37...Qd5 38.Rd6
[38.Rxc6 Rxd7 39.Rxc5 *(39.Qxb8 Qxc6 40.Re5 Rxd3=)* 39...Rxc7 40.Rxd5 Rxb3±]
[38.Qxc6 Qxc6 39.Rxc6 Bxd3±]
38...Qf7 7.24/20
[38...Qf5 3.79/18 39.Re7 *(39.Qxc6 Rxb3 40.Rf1 Qh5+-; 39.Ne5 Rf8+-)* 39...Bh5 40.Qxc6 *(40.Ne5? Rxb3-+)* 40...Qf4 41.Qe4+ *(41.Qxc5 Bxf3 42.Rd4 Qf6+-)* 41...Qxe4

42.dxe4 Rb4]

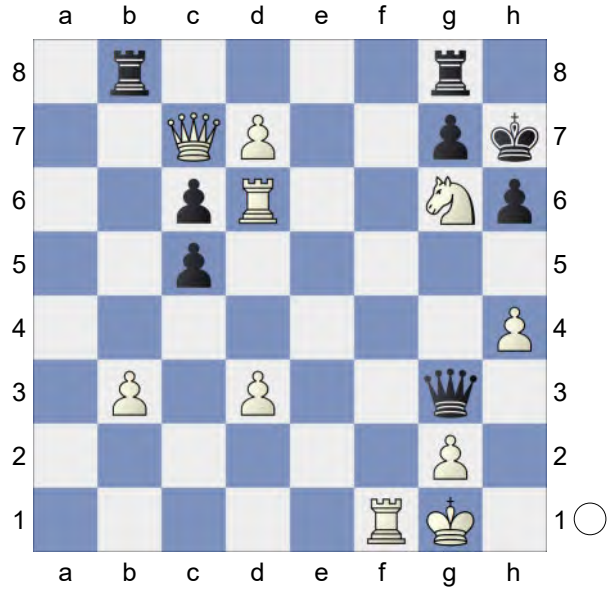
39.Ne5 Deflection, Double Attack. White is clearly winning. **39...Qf4** **40.Nxg6 Qg3**



41.Rf1

[41.Rxc6 Qxe1+ 42.Kh2 Qf1±]

41...Rg8



42.Nf8+! Rbxf8 43.Rxf8

[43.d8R? Qe3+ 44.Kh2 Rxf1 45.Qxc6 Qe5+ 46.g3 Rf2+-+]

43...Rxf8

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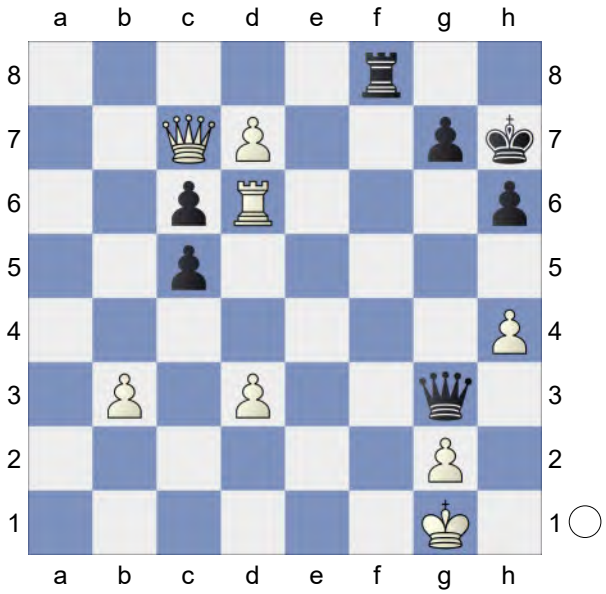

44.Rxh6+!! Discovered Attack, Promotion **44...Kxh6**

[44...gxh6 45.Qxg3]

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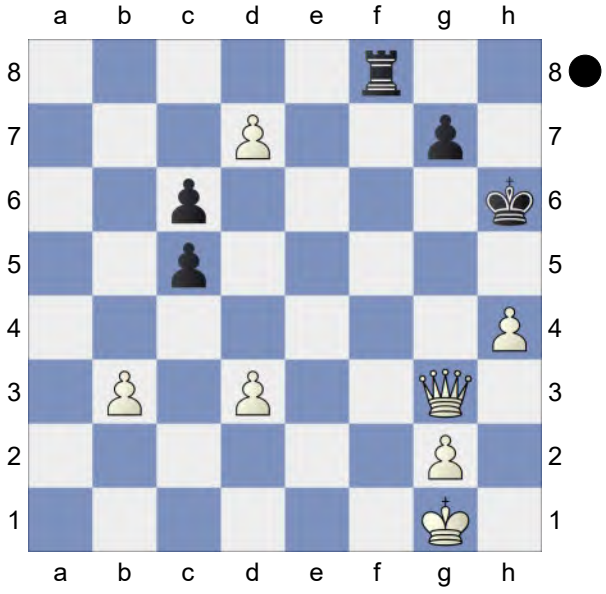
45.Qxg3



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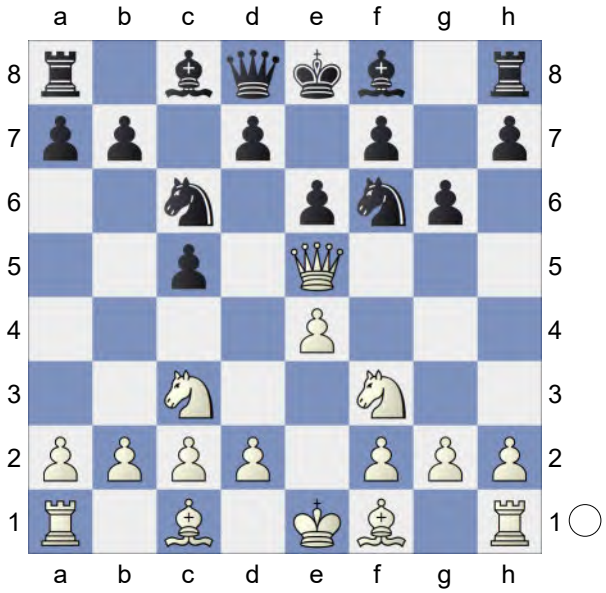
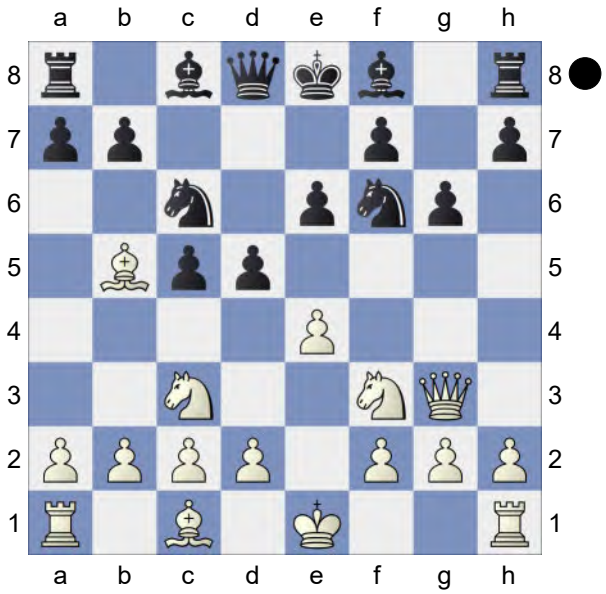
29 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2796**
■ **Drawdenied Twitch** **2816**
Blitz 25.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 g6N
[3...Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
[3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
4.Qe5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6



6.Qg3 -1.51/17
[⩲6.Qf4 -0.92/18]
6...d5 -0.67/19
[Black should try 6...Nh5∓ -1.51/17 7.Qh3 Bg7]
7.Bb5 -1.17/20
[7.exd5!∓ -0.67/19 exd5 *(7...Nxd5 8.Bb5∓)* 8.Bb5]



7...Nh5 -0.51/19

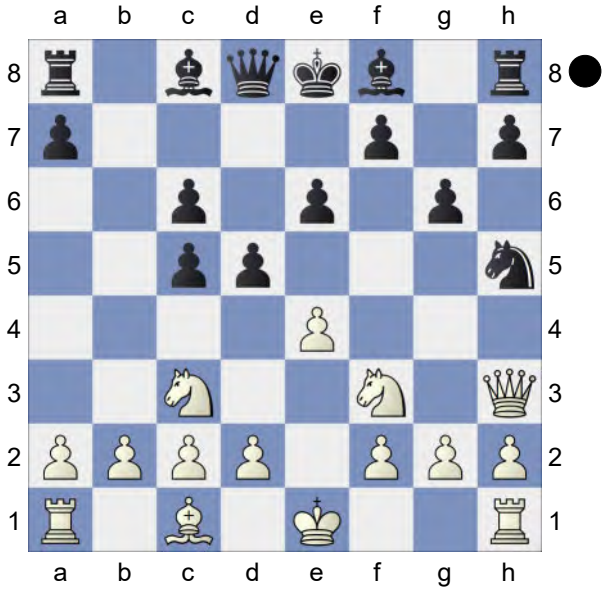
[7...d4!∓ -1.17/20 8.Nb1 Nxe4]

8.Bxc6+ -0.97/17

[8.Qh3∓ -0.51/19 is superior.]

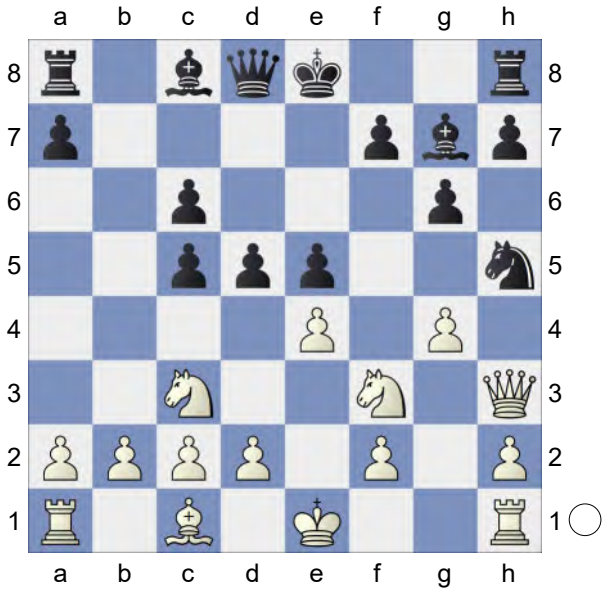
8...bxc6∓ 9.Qh3 -1.95/21

[9.Qg5∓ -1.05/20]



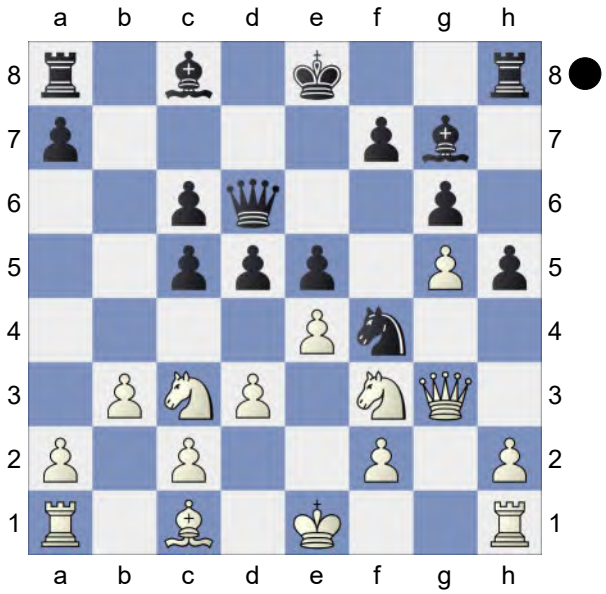
9...e5!-+ 10.g4 Bg7

[10...Nf4 11.Qg3∓]

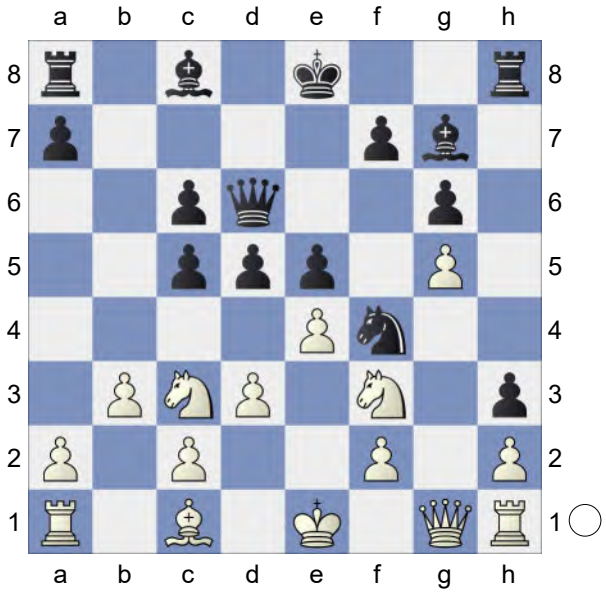


11.d3 Nf4 12.Qg3 Qd6 13.b3 h5 14.g5 -3.08/15

[14.gxh5∓ -1.50/17 Nxh5 *(14...Rxh5 15.h4∓)* 15.Qg1]



14...h4! 15.Qg1 h3



16.Bb2? -3.67/17

[16.Bxf4 -2.05/17 exf4 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 19.Kd2]

16...Ng2+ 17.Kf1 Bg4 18.Ne1 Rh5 -2.12/19

[18...d4? 19.Nd1-+]

[⌓18...f5 -3.97/18 19.exf5 gxf5]

19.f3 Be6 20.Bc1 c4

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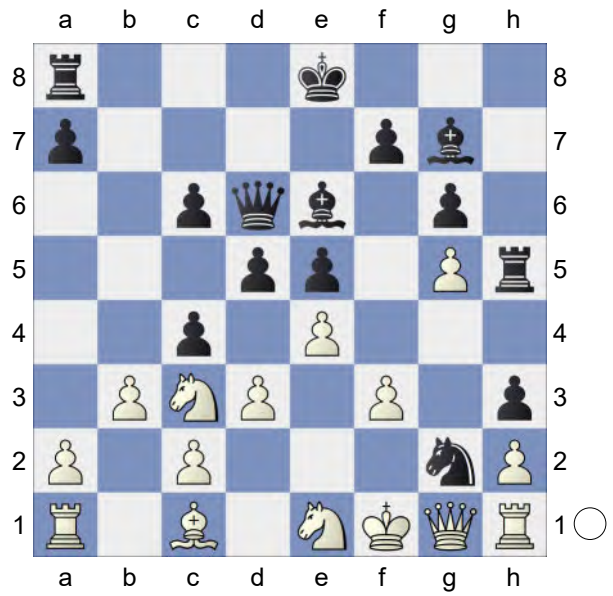
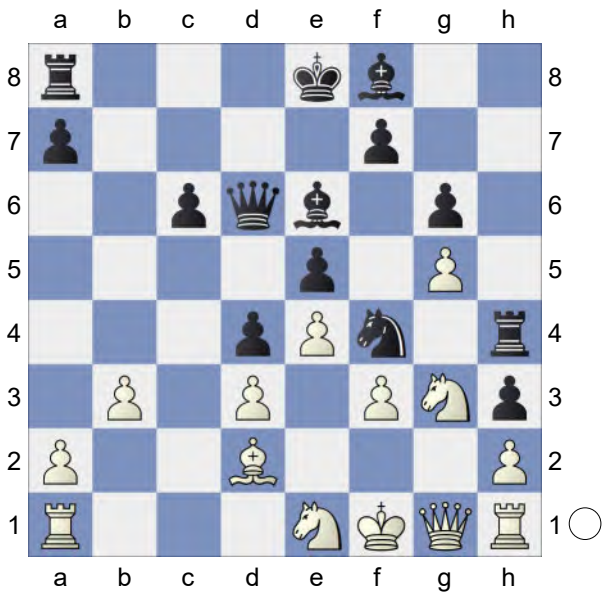
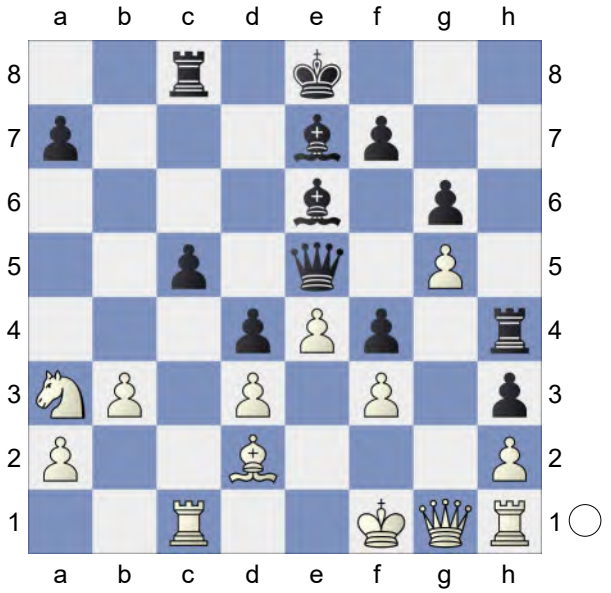


21.Ne2 -2.40/18
[⌓21.dxc4 -1.70/16 Nf4 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Qe3]
21...cxd3 22.cxd3 Bf8 -1.09/16
[22...dxe4-+ -2.50/17 23.dxe4 f5 *(23...Qd1? 24.Qf2∓)*]
23.Ng3 -2.05/17
[23.Nxg2∓ -1.09/16 only move. hxg2+ 24.Kxg2]
23...Rh4
[23...Nxe1 24.Kxe1 Rh8 25.Qe3]
24.Be3? -3.09/18
[24.Nxg2∓ -1.55/16 hxg2+ 25.Kxg2]
24...d4 -1.72/18
[⌓24...Qa3 -3.09/18 And now ...Qb2 would win. 25.Bc1 Qa6 26.exd5 Bxd5]
25.Bd2 Nf4 -0.81/20
[25...Be7-+ -1.72/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 26.Nxg2 hxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Bh3+ 28.Kf2 Kf8]

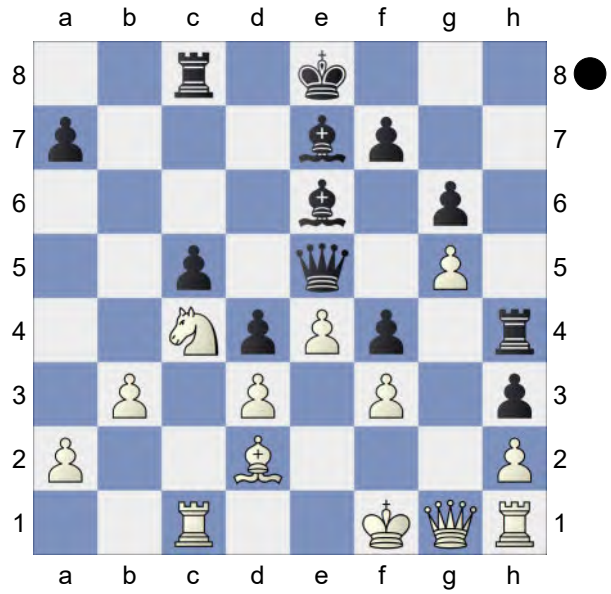
(Diagram)



26.Ne2∓ Be7 27.Nxf4? -2.80/20
[27.Qg3∓ -0.72/21 was worth a try. Rh5 28.Bxf4 *(28.Nxf4? Rxg5 29.Nxh3 Rxg3-+)* 28...exf4 29.Qxf4]
27...exf4-+ 28.Nc2 c5 29.Na3 Qe5
30.Rc1 -2.49/20
[⌓30.Nc4 -1.99/19 Bxc4 *(30...Qxg5 31.Qxg5 Bxg5 32.Kf2∓)* 31.bxc4]
30...Rc8
[30...Qxg5 31.Qxg5 Bxg5 32.Rxc5∓]
[30...Bxg5 31.Nc4 Bxc4 32.Rxc4]



31.Nc4



Kd7?? 7.06/23

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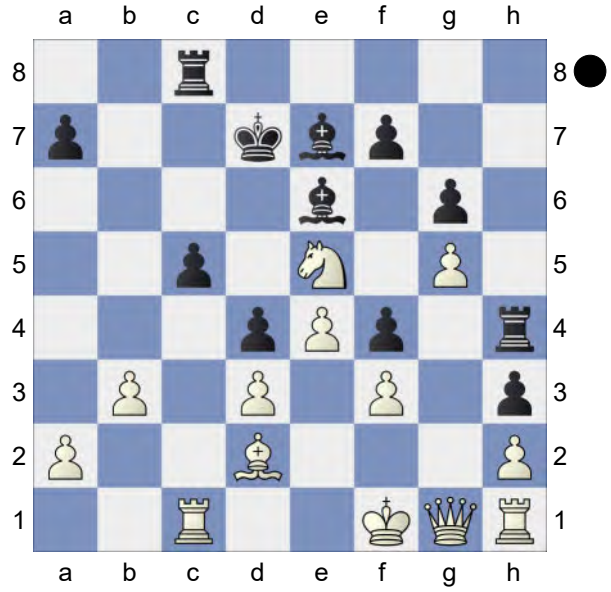
32.Nxe5+



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30 **B20**

□ **Popmilan95** **2795**

■ **Sapphire Phoenix** **2730**

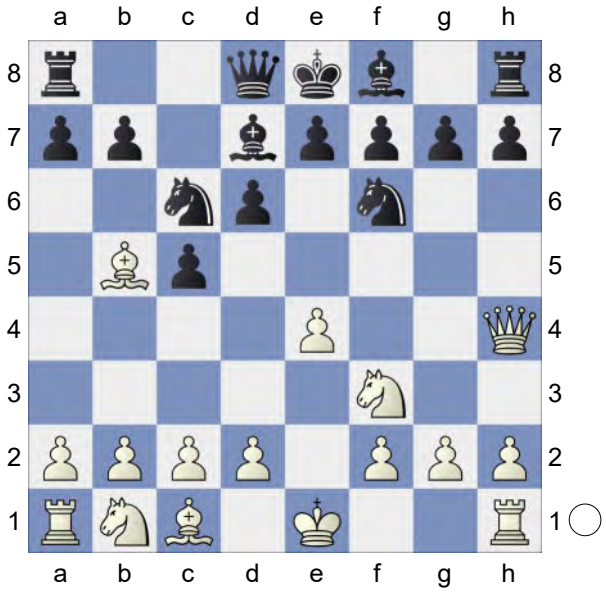
Blitz 27.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7

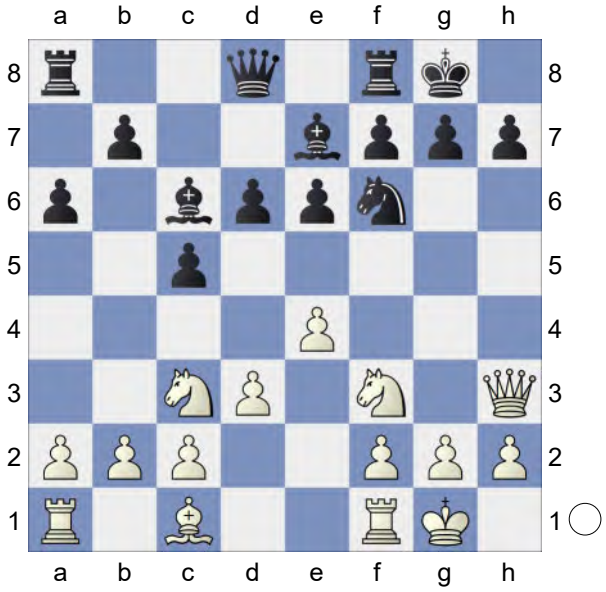


6.0-0 e6N

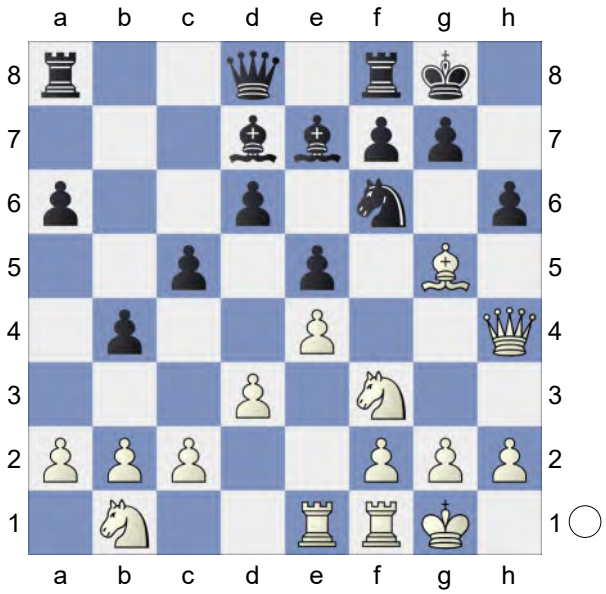
[6...g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 Bc6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Nxc6 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1. 17)]

[6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz

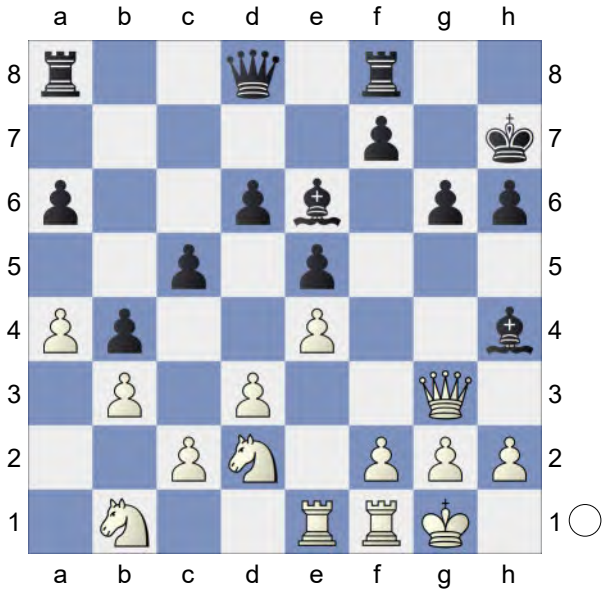
2021 (1.24)]
7.d3 Be7 8.Nc3 -1.13/18
[8.a4∓ -0.39/19]
8...a6 -0.35/17
[8...Nd4!∓ -1.13/18 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7]
9.Bxc6∓ Bxc6 10.Qh3 0-0



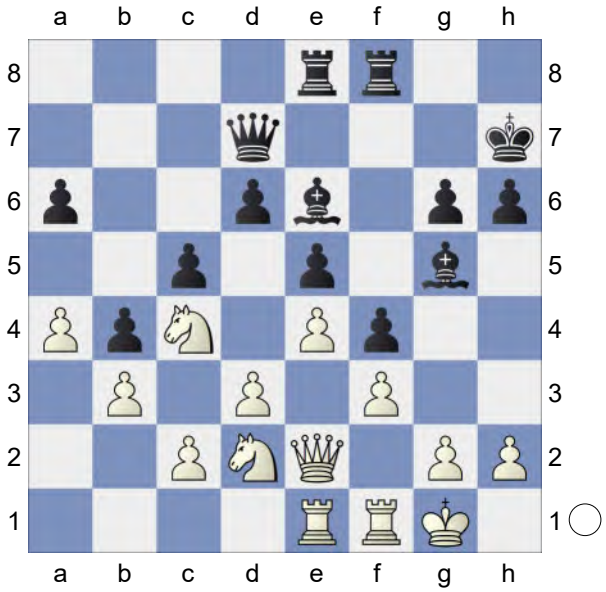
11.Bf4 b5 12.Rae1 b4 13.Nb1 -0.96/19
[13.Nd1!∓ -0.59/20]
13...e5↑ Black is in control. **14.Bg5 Bd7 15.Qh4 h6**



16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qg3 Be6 18.a4 -1.58/20
[⌓18.Nbd2 -0.94/16]
18...g6 -1.02/18
[18...c4 -1.58/20 19.Nfd2 Bh4]
19.b3 Kh7 20.Nfd2 Bh4

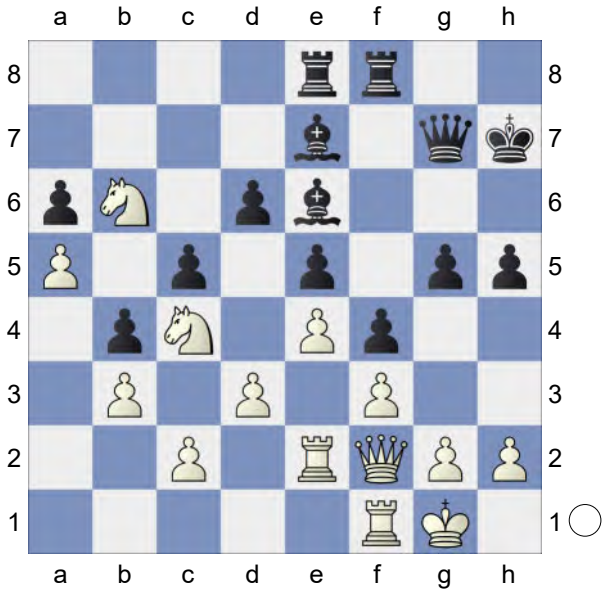


21.Qe3 -1.56/19
[⌓21.Qf3 -1.10/19]
21...Bg5 22.Qe2 Qd7 -0.95/21
[⌓22...Ra7 -1.32/19 23.Nc4 Re8]
23.Nc4 Rae8 24.Nbd2 f5 25.f3 f4



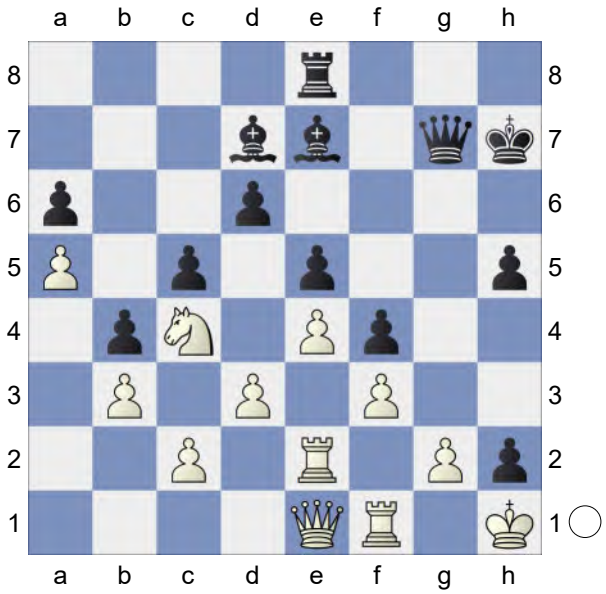
26.Qf2 -1.60/17
[White should try 26.Nb6 -0.98/18 Qc6 27.Nbc4]
26...h5 27.Re2 Bd8 28.a5 g5 29.Nb6

Qg7 30.Ndc4 Be7 -0.88/18
[⌓30...Bc7 -1.24/19 31.g3 Bxb6 32.axb6 Qe7]

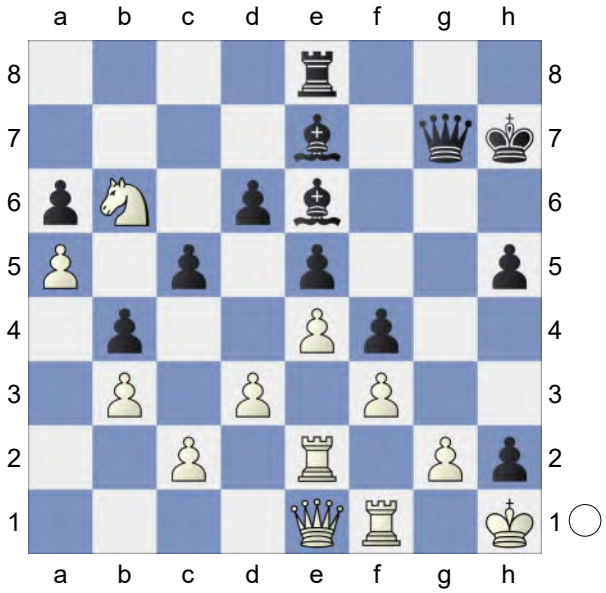


31.Nd5 g4 -0.15/18
[31...Rb8∓ -0.84/17]
32.Nc7!= Excellent horsemanship.
32...g3 33.Qe1 gxh2+ 34.Kh1 -0.30/20
[34.Kxh2 0.15/19 is superior. Qh6 35.Nxe8 Rxe8 36.Rh1]
34...Bd7 0.60/21
[34...Qg6!= -0.30/20]
35.Nxe8
[35.Nb6!? Bc6 36.Rd2∓ *(36.Nxe8 Rxe8 37.c3 bxc3±; 36.Kxh2 Rb8±)*]
35...Rxe8

(Diagram)

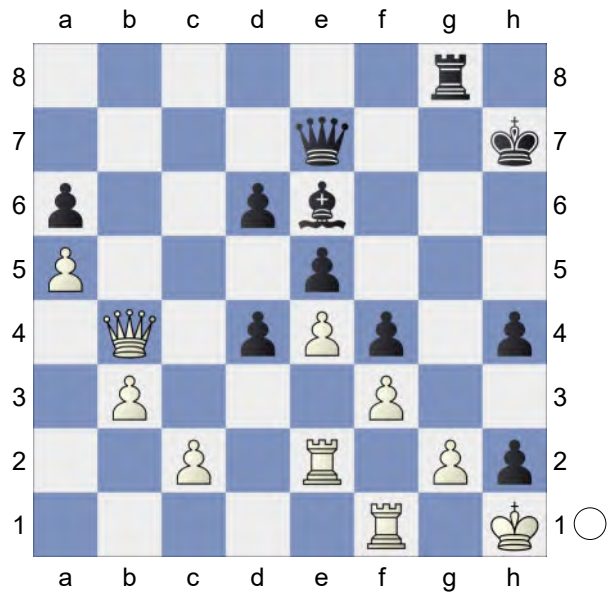


36.Nb6! Be6



37.Nd5! Rg8 38.d4 0.36/17
[38.Nxe7± 0.85/19 Qxe7 39.Qd2]
38...cxd4± 39.Nxe7 Qxe7 40.Qxb4 h4!

(Diagram)



41.Qe1 -0.61/18
[41.Qb6± 0.36/20]
41...Qg5 0.00/21 Black is much more active.
[Better is 41...Rg3!∓ -0.61/18]
42.Qf2? -1.67/18
[42.Qb4= 0.00/21]
42...Qg3? 0.00/18
[42...h3-+ -1.67/18 ...d5 would now be deadly. 43.Rd2 d5 44.gxh3 *(44.Kxh2? dxe4 45.fxe4 hxg2-+; 44.exd5 Bxd5 45.gxh3 Qh5∓)* 44...Qh5 *(44...Bxh3 45.Qxh2 Qh5 46.exd5=)* 45.exd5 Bxd5 *(45...Bxh3 46.Qxh2 Rg6 47.Qxh3=)*]
43.Qxg3?? -3.24/23
[43.c3!= 0.00/18 and White is okay.]
43...hxg3?= -0.99/19 Endgame KRR-KRB
[43...fxg3-+ -3.24/23 has better winning chances. 44.c3 Bxb3 *(44...dxc3 45.Rc1=)*]
Now White is beyond hope. **44.Rb1** -2.31/21
[44.Rc1∓ -0.99/19]

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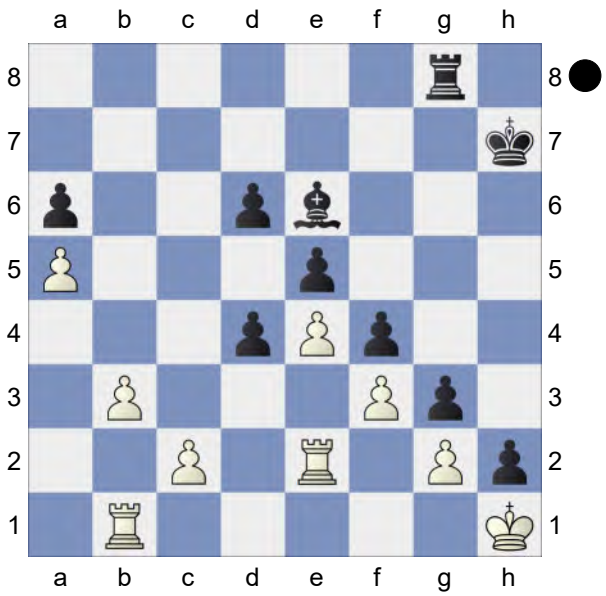
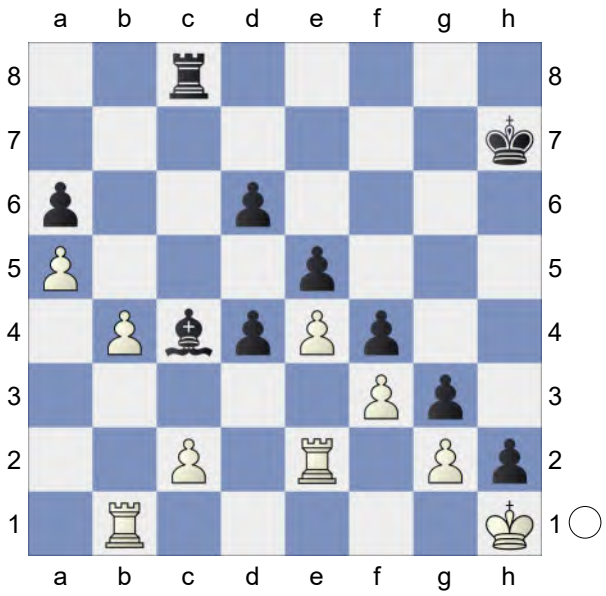


44...Rc8!-+ Black has strong compensation. **45.b4 Bc4**



46.Rd2 -4.95/23
[46.Ree1 -3.28/22 was the only defense.]
46...Bb5 47.Rb3 Rc4 48.Re2 -7.09/24
[⌓48.Ra3 -4.69/22]
48...Kg7 49.Rd2 Kf7 50.Rb2 Ke6

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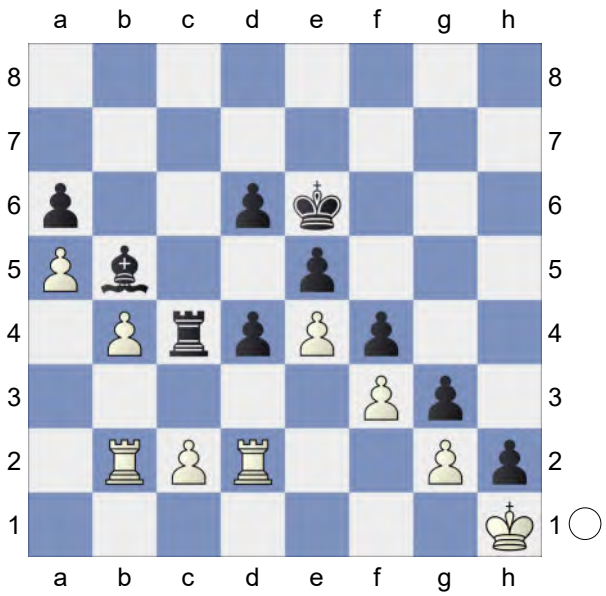
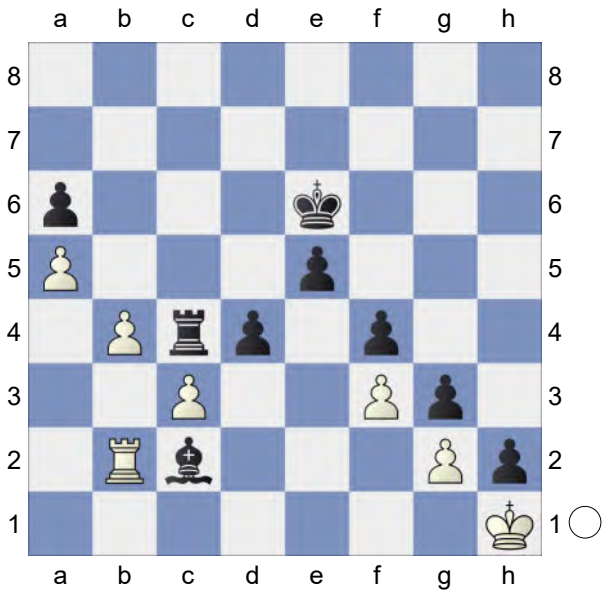


51.Rb3 d5 52.exd5+ Kxd5 53.c3 Ke6 54.Rc2 Ba4 Deflection. Black mates. **55.Rbb2 Bxc2**



56.Rxc2 d3 Deflection **57.Rd2 Rxc3 58.Rd1**

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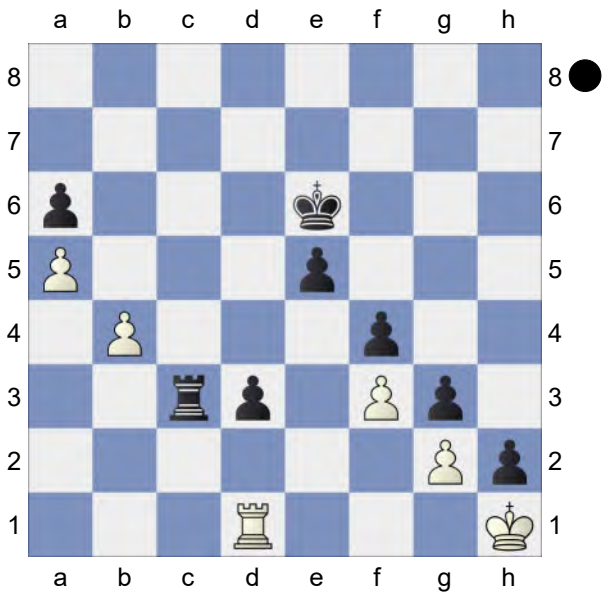

d2! 59.b5

[59.Rxd2 Rc1+]

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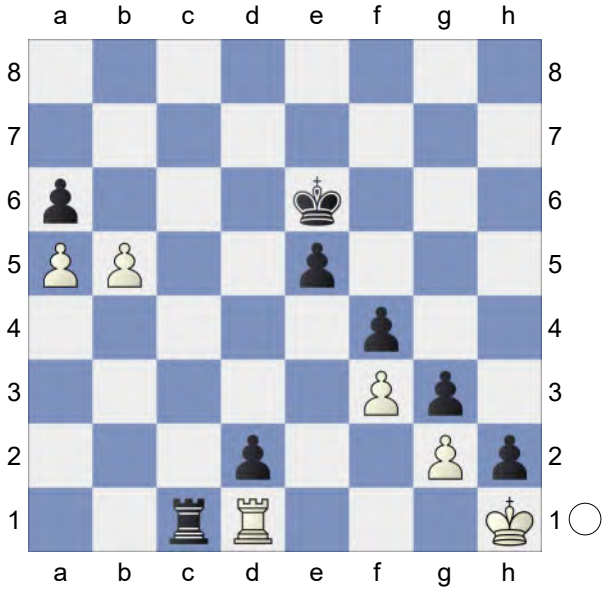
59...Rc1



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31 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2792**
■ **Renier07** **2603**
Blitz 27.03.2024
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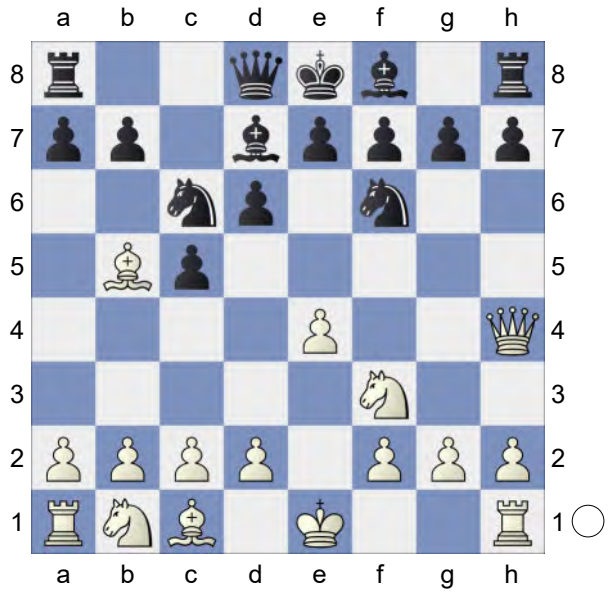
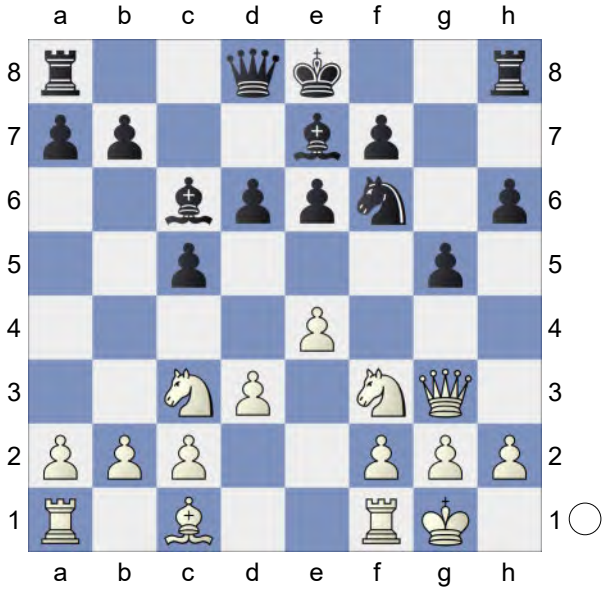
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6
[4...e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
5.Bb5 Bd7

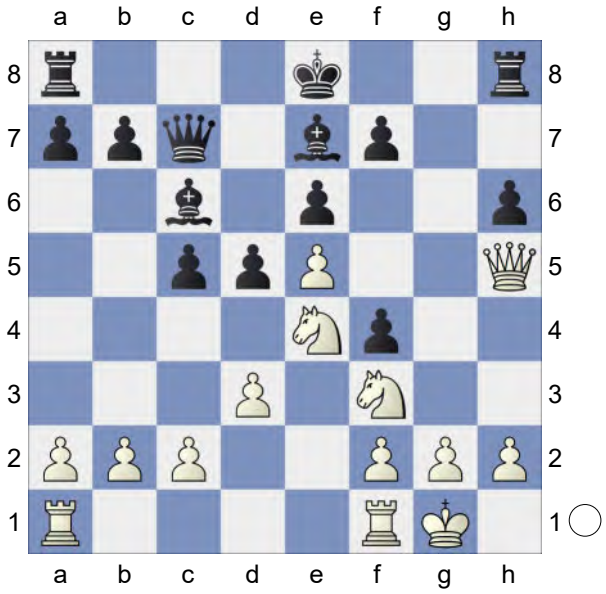


6.0-0 e6N
[6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)]
[6...g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 Bc6 20.Nxa7 Rc7 21.Nxc6 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
7.d3 Be7 8.Nc3 -1.06/19
[8.Qg3∓ -0.44/22]
8...h6 -0.31/18
[8...Nd4!∓ -1.06/19 9.Bxd7+ Nxd7]
9.Qg3 -1.30/20
[9.Bxc6∓ -0.31/18 Bxc6 10.Qg3]
9...g5? 0.42/23
[9...Nh5∓ -1.30/20 10.Qh3 e5 11.Qxh5 g6 12.Qxh6 Rxh6 13.Bxh6 Nb4 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7]
10.Bxc6± Bxc6



11.e5! Nh5 0.46/19
[11...Nd5= 0.08/19]
12.Qh3 Nf4 13.Bxf4 gxf4 14.Ne4 Qc7
[14...d5 simplifies 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Rfe1 0-0-0]
15.Qh5↑ White has the initiative. **15...d5**

0.90/23
[15...dxe5!= 0.16/20 keeps the balance. 16.Nxe5 Rh7]



16.Neg5 0.38/23 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
16...Bxg5 17.Nxg5 Pin **17...Qe7** 0.98/18
[Black should try 17...0-0-0!± 0.39/22 18.Nh3 *(18.Nxf7 Be8=)* 18...Rdg8]
18.Nh3!± Rg8 1.59/22
[⌓18...0-0-0 0.88/21]
19.Nxf4 0.93/21
[⌓19.f3! 1.59/22]
19...Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 1.81/20
[20...Rxg5± 0.96/22 21.Rae1 d4]

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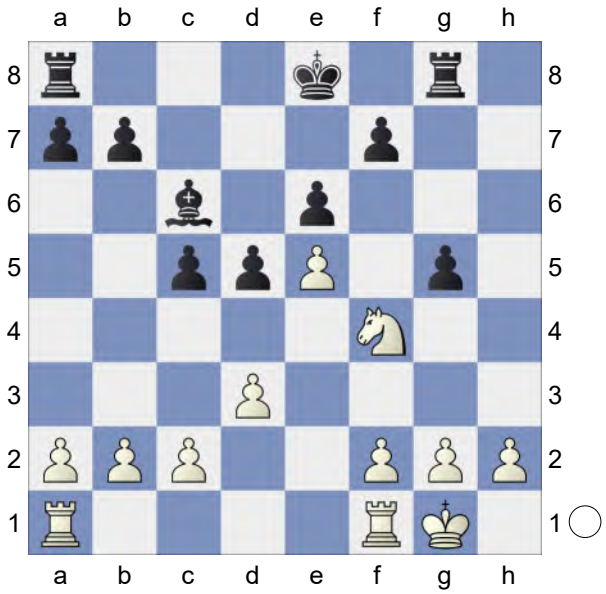
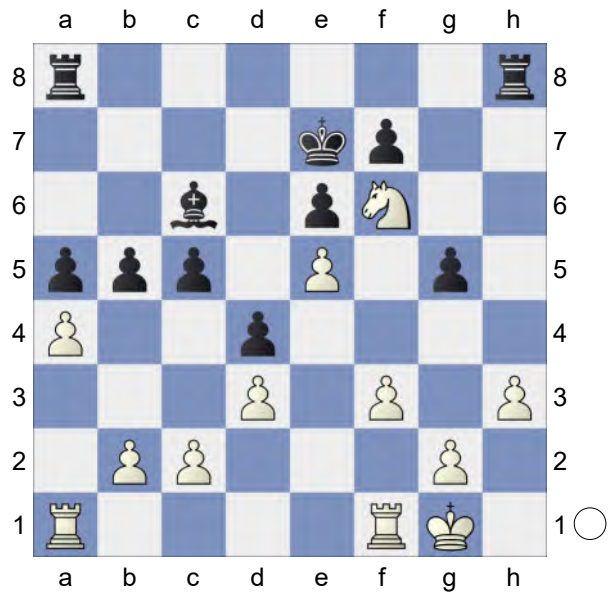


21.Nh5+- Ke7 22.Nf6 Rh8 3.05/22
[22...Rg6 1.87/16 23.h3 a5]
23.h3 1.81/17
[⌓23.f4 3.05/22]
23...d4 2.85/20
[23...Rh4 1.81/17 24.b3 Rf4]
24.f3 a5 2.69/21
[24...Rh4 1.81/18 25.Rfc1 Rf4]
25.a4 1.42/19
[White should play 25.f4+- 2.69/21]
25...b5 2.44/21
[25...Rhb8± 1.42/19 26.b3 *(26.f4 gxf4 27.Rxf4 b5±)* 26...b5]

(Diagram)



26.axb5! Bxb5 27.Ne4 Rhb8 2.58/19
[⌓27...a4 1.79/18 28.Nxc5 *(28.Nxg5 Rhb8+-)* 28...Bc6]
28.Rfd1? 0.87/20
[28.Nxc5 Kf8 29.f4 a4 30.fxg5 Kg7]
[28.Nxg5 a4 29.Ra2 c4±]
[28.b3+- 2.58/19]
28...Bc6± 29.b3
[Don't play 29.Nxc5 Rxb2 30.Nb3 Rxc2±]
29...a4 2.00/20
[29...Bxe4± 0.80/18 keeps fighting. 30.fxe4 f6]
30.Nxc5+- Ra5

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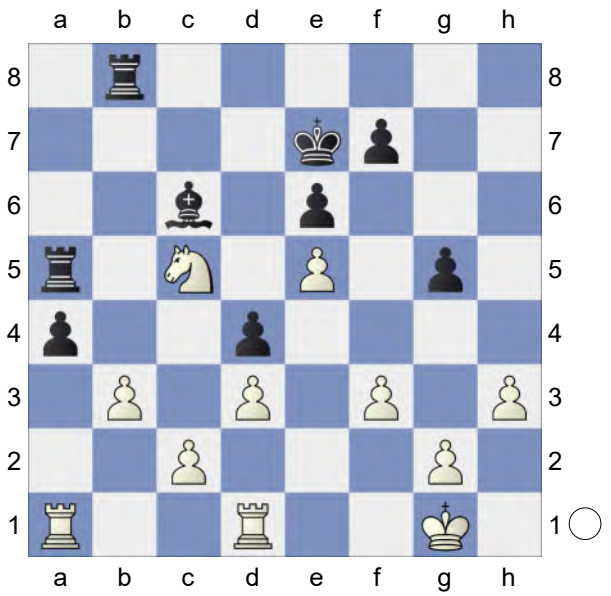
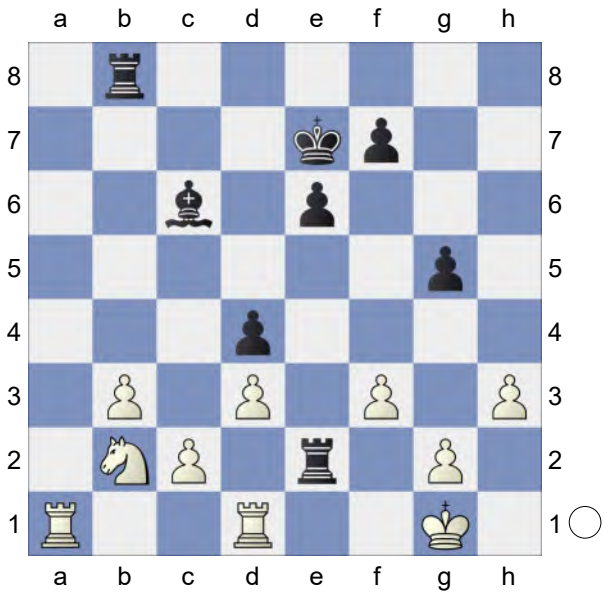
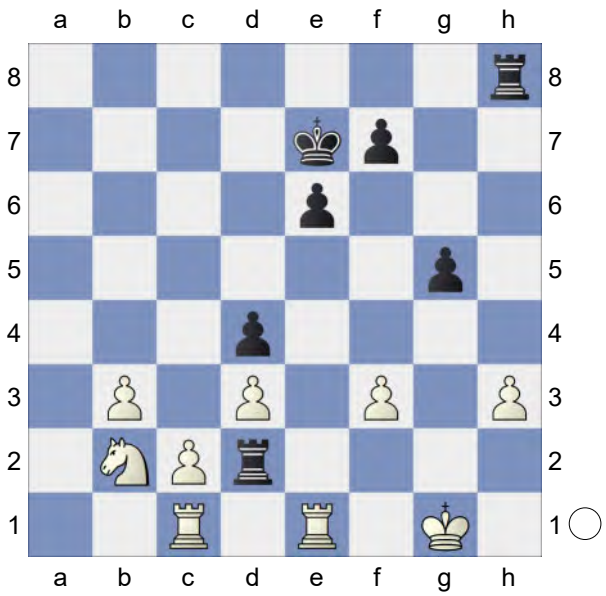


31.Nxa4 Rxe5 32.Nb2 and Nc4 would now be decisive **32...Re2**



33.Rac1 Bxf3? 4.20/18
[33...Rh8 1.75/20]
34.gxf3 Rh8 35.Re1 Rd2 6.44/22
[⌓35...Rxe1+ 4.33/19 36.Rxe1 Rxh3]

(Diagram)



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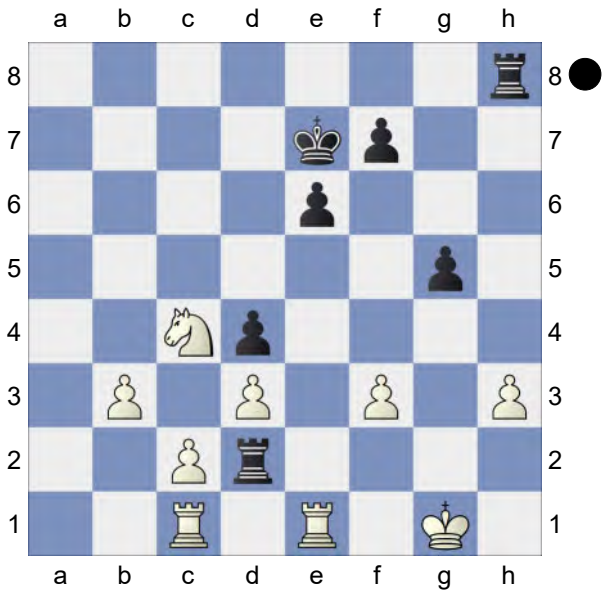
36.Nc4



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32 **B20**

□ **Popmilan95** **2790**

■ **Jamesbondagent007** **2815**

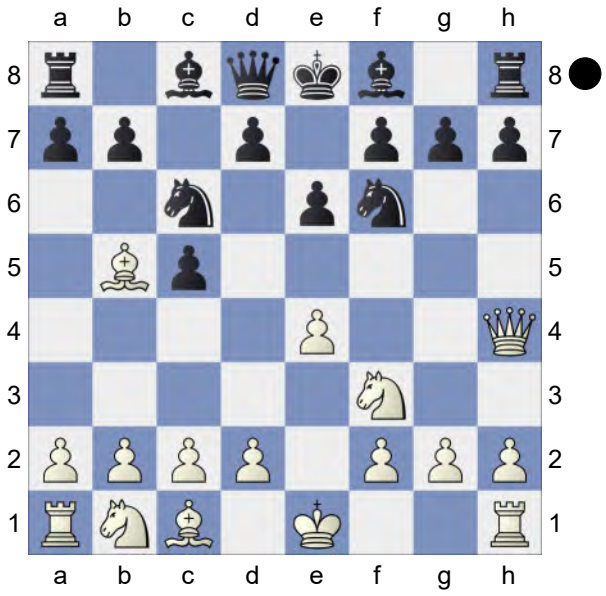
Blitz 26.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6 5.Bb5**



g5N

[5...Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

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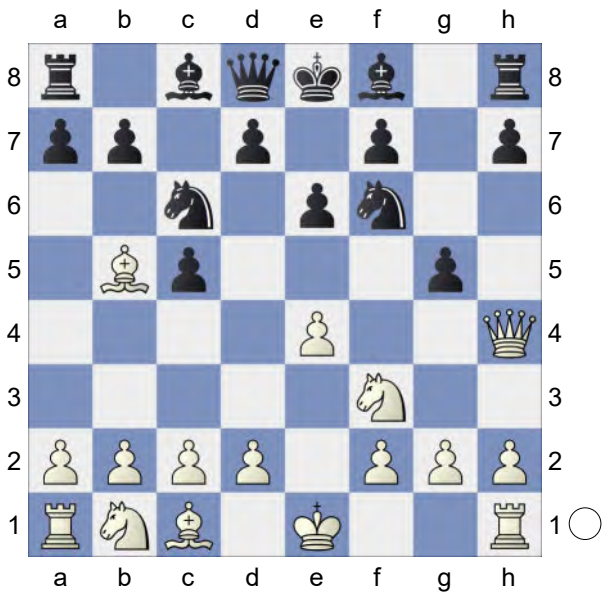
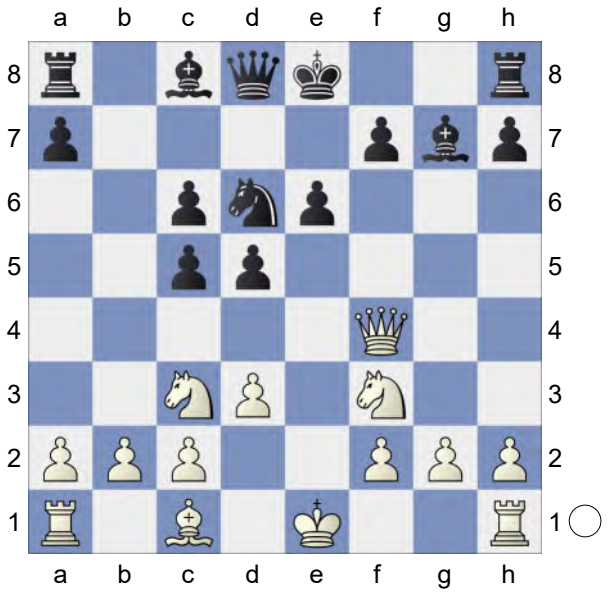
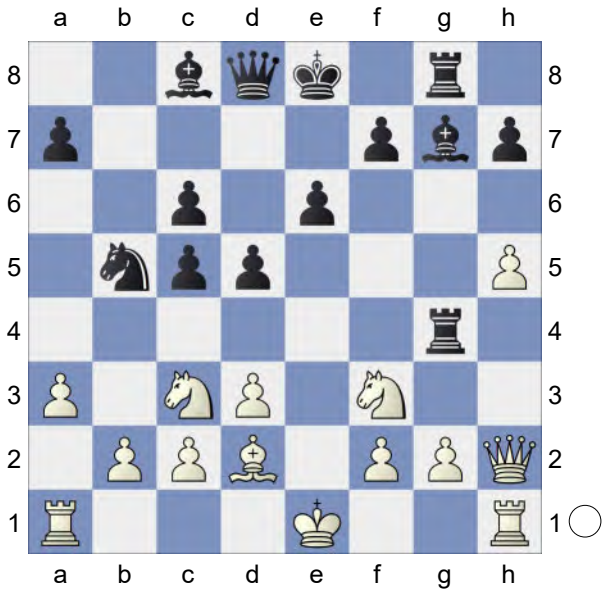


Deflection **6.Qxg5** And now e5 would win. **6...Nxe4** -0.18/20
[6...Rg8∓ -0.57/21 is superior. 7.Qe3 Rxg2]
7.Qf4 d5 8.Bxc6+ Black is slightly better. **8...bxc6 9.d3 Nd6 10.Nc3 Bg7**

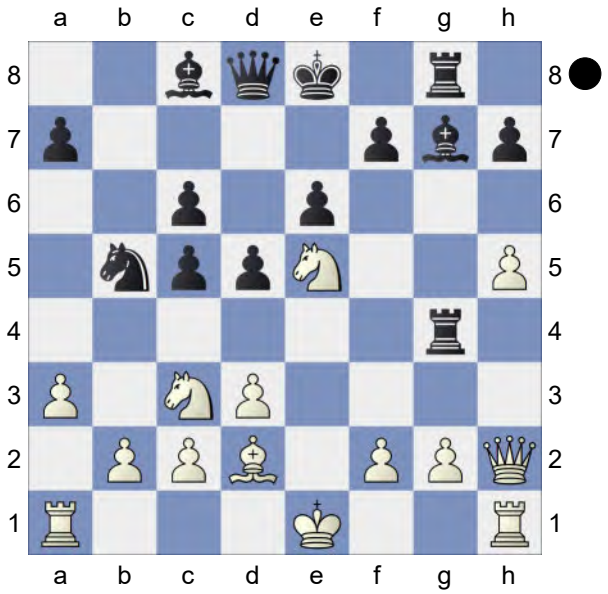


11.h4 -1.33/18
[11.Qa4= -0.30/18 0-0 12.0-0]
11...Rb8 -0.76/19
[11...e5 -1.33/18 12.Qg3 *(12.Nxe5? Qe7-+)* 12...0-0]
12.h5 Rb4
[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 f6 14.Qe3±]

13.Qh2 Rg8 14.a3 Rg4 15.Bd2 Nb5 -0.34/17
[15...c4∓ -1.10/19 16.d4 Nf5 *(16...Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Rxd4 18.0-0-0=)*]



16.Ne5 -1.29/20
[White should play 16.Nxb5∓ -0.34/17 cxb5 17.Qb8]



16...Bxe5!∓ 17.Qxe5 Nd4 18.0-0-0 Rxg2 -0.42/20
[18...f6!∓ -1.36/20 19.Qe3 *(19.Qb8*

Qb6∓) 19...Rxg2]

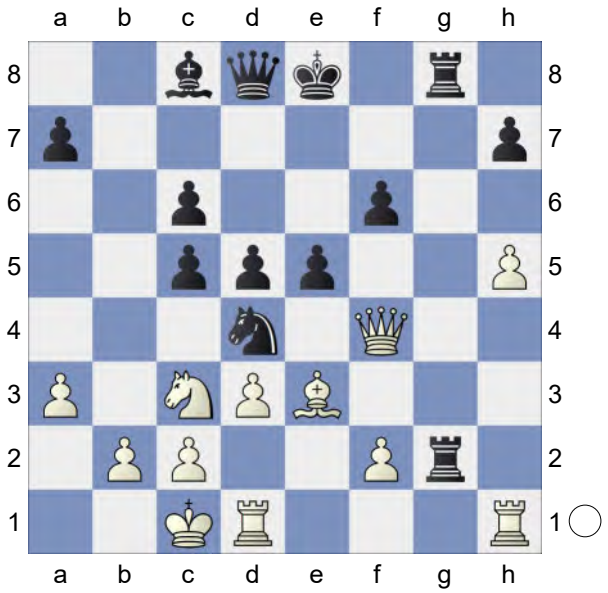
19.Be3 -1.44/19

[19.Na4!∓ -0.42/20]

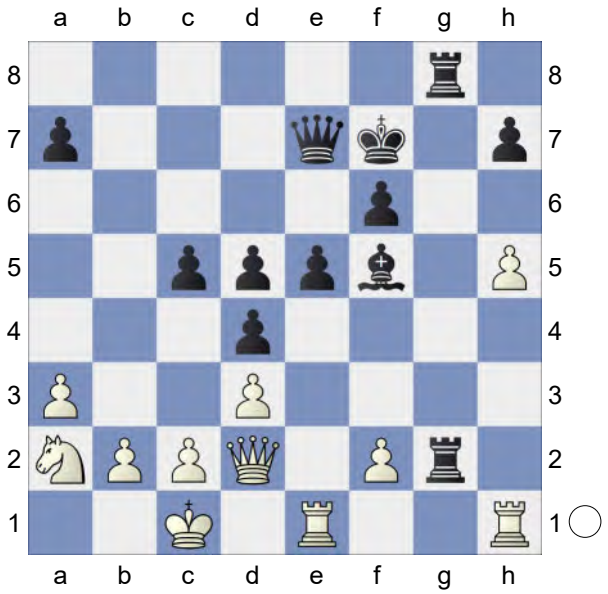
19...f6↑ Black is in control. **20.Qf4** -3.14/22

[20.Qb8∓ -1.42/22 was the only defense. Qb6 21.Qxb6 *(21.Qxc8+? Ke7-+)* 21...axb6 22.Na4]

20...e5-+

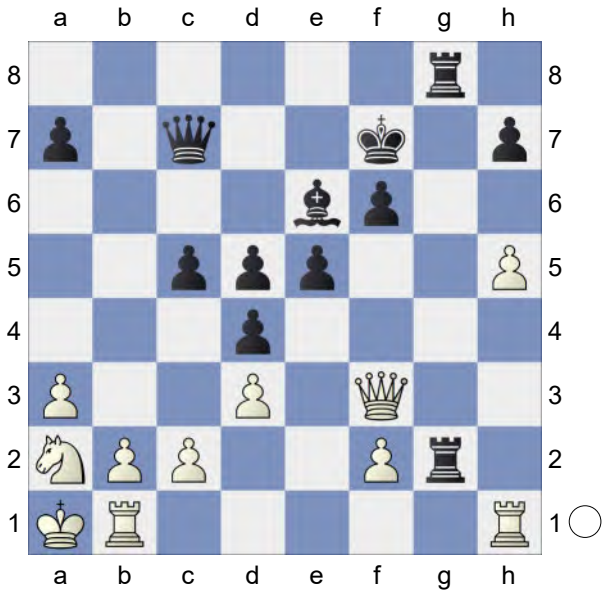


21.Qh6 Qe7 22.Bxd4 cxd4 23.Na2 c5 Prevents Nb4. White is weak on the light squares **24.Rde1 Bf5 25.Qd2 Kf7**



26.Kb1 Rb8 27.Ka1 Qb7 28.Rb1 Qc7

29.Qe2 Rbg8 30.Qf3 Be6



31.Rhe1 a5 32.h6 c4 -1.53/17

[Better is 32...Qd6-+ -2.65/18 and ...R8g4 would now be decisive 33.Qh5+ Ke7]

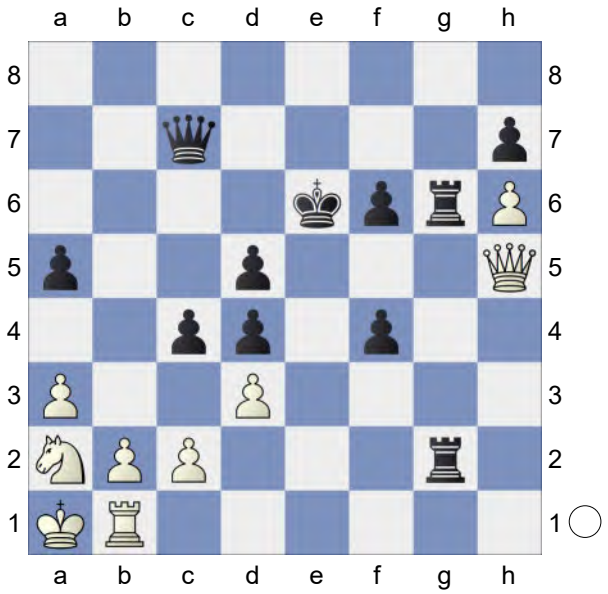
33.Qh5+? -3.28/21

[33.c3∓ -1.53/17 keeps fighting.]

33...R8g6 34.f4 exf4

[Inferior is 34...Rxc2 35.f5 Bxf5 36.Qxf5∓]

35.Rxe6 Kxe6

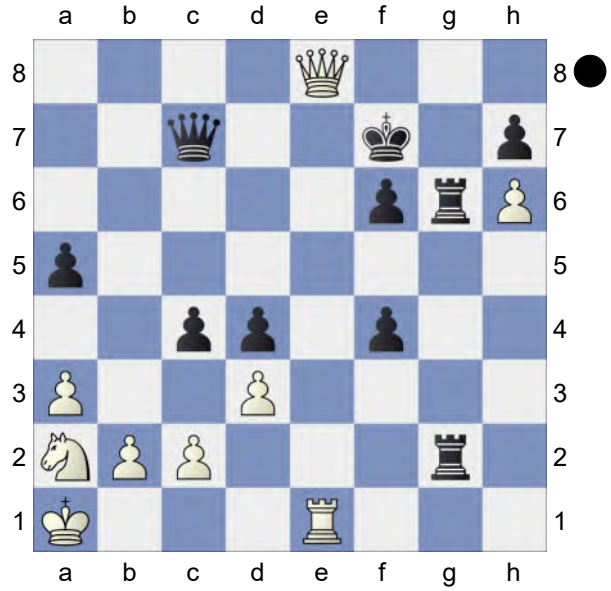


36.Re1+ Kf7?? #4/16

[36...Kd6-+ -3.60/25 37.dxc4 R6g5

(37...Rxc2 38.Qxd5#; 37...Qxc4? 38.Qf5-+)]

37.Qxd5+ White mates. **37...Kf8**
38.Qa8+ Kf7 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.42
39.Qe8#



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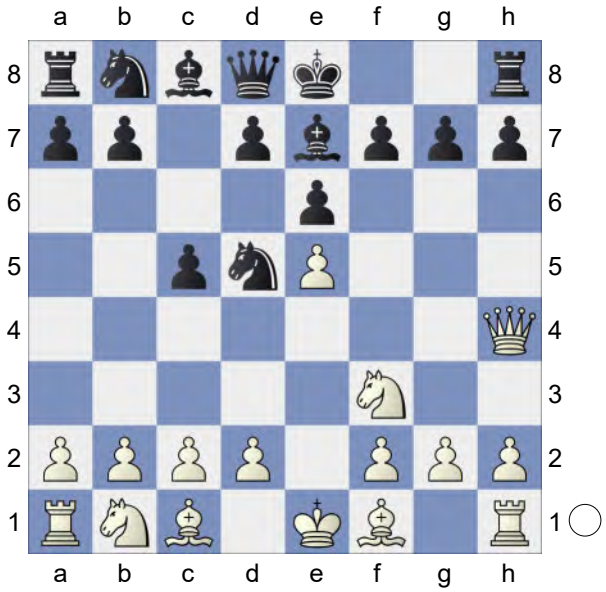
33 **B20**
Popmilan95 **2789**
Cresswell **2746**
Blitz 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

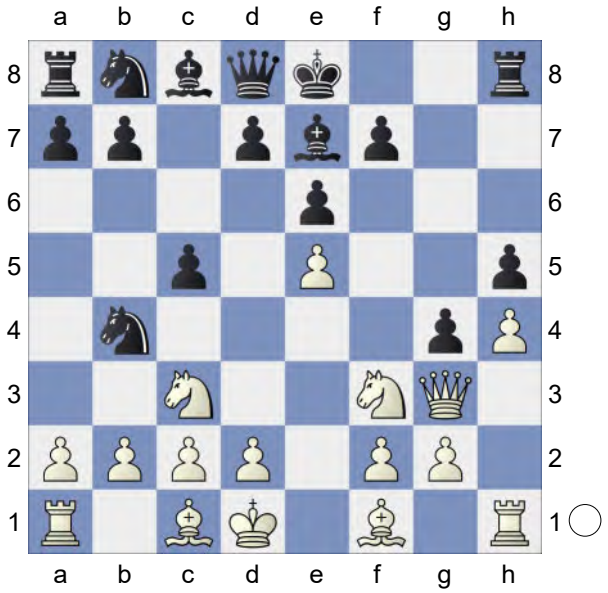
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7N
[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5.e5 Nd5



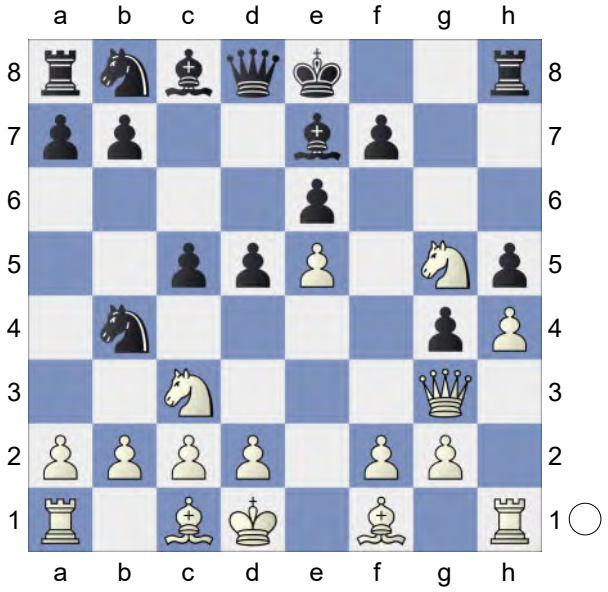
6.Qg3 g5 0.96/17
[6...0-0= -0.23/18]
7.Nc3 0.11/17
[7.h4± 0.96/17]
7...h5!= 8.h4 -0.30/20
[8.d4 0.11/18 feels stronger.]
8...Nb4? 1.59/21
[8...g4!= -0.30/20]
9.Kd1 0.88/17
[9.Nxg5?! Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1=]

[⌓9.hxg5 1.59/21 Black must now prevent g6. Nxc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.g6]

9...g4±



10.Ng5 0.26/19 **d5=**



11.a3 -0.47/18

[11.exd6= 0.20/19 Bxd6 12.Qe3]

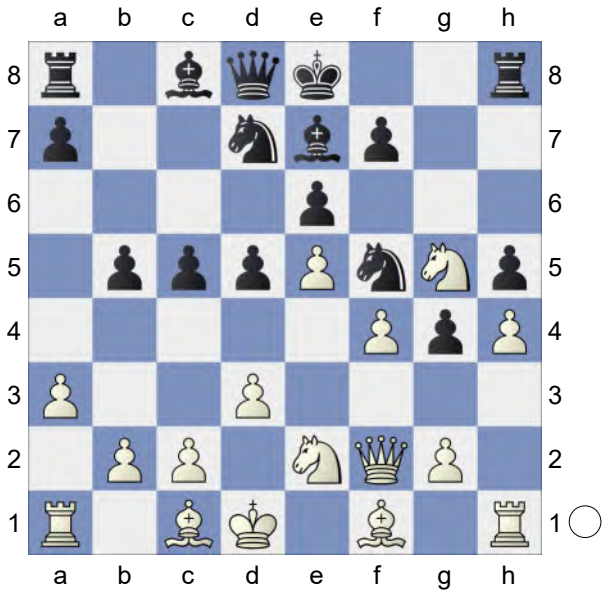
11...N4c6∓ 12.d3 -1.27/21

[12.b4= -0.19/18]

12...Nd7∓ 13.f4 Nd4 14.Qf2 b5 -0.91/20

[⌓14...Nf5 -1.32/18 15.Ne2 Nb8]

15.Ne2 Nf5



16.Ng3 Nxg3 17.Qxg3 Bb7? 0.69/19

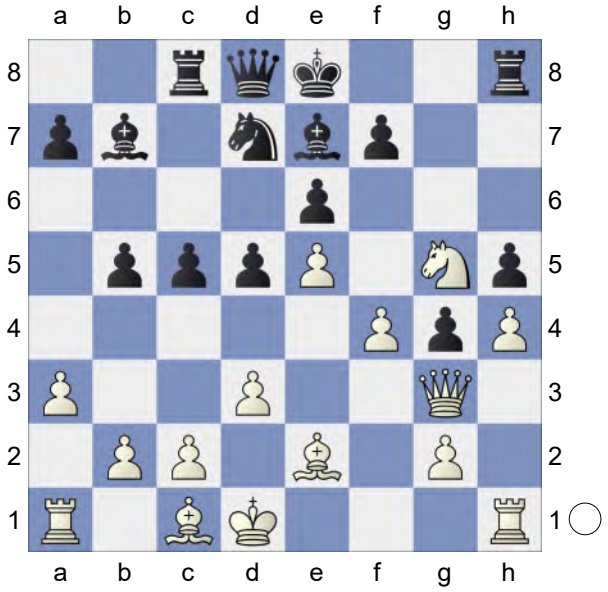
[17...Qb6∓ -0.85/19]

18.Be2 -0.55/19

[18.f5!± 0.69/19]

18...Rc8 0.40/21

[18...d4∓ -0.55/19]

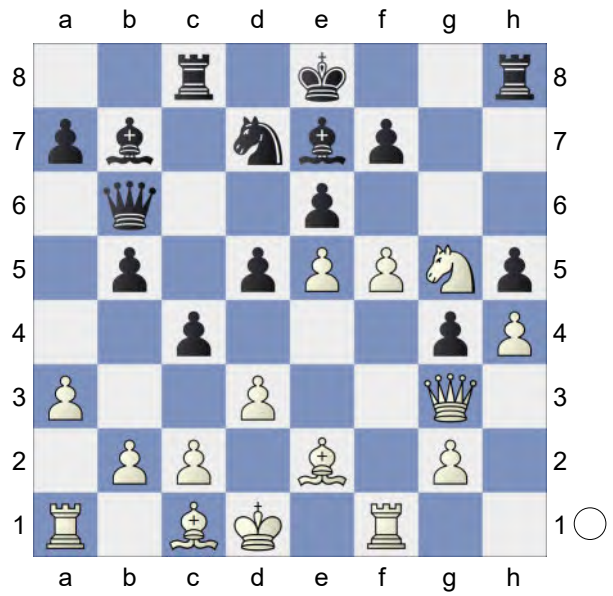


19.f5! Qb6

[19...exf5 20.e6 *(20.Rf1 Qb6=)* 20...fxe6 21.Nxe6]

20.Rf1 c4 0.77/17

[20...d4= 0.24/19 remains equal.]



21.Bd2 0.31/18
[21.Nxf7± 0.77/17 Kxf7 22.fxe6+ Ke8 *(22...Kxe6 23.Bxg4+ hxg4 24.Qxg4+ Kxe5 25.Bf4+ Kd4 26.Bd6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke3 27.Qf4#)* 23.exd7+ Kxd7 24.Be3]
21...d4 0.78/18
[21...exf5!± 0.31/18 22.Qf4 *(22.Rxf5 Qg6±)* 22...Qg6]
22.Bb4 0.31/20
[22.Nxf7!± 0.78/18 Rf8 *(22...Kxf7 23.fxe6+ Ke8 24.exd7+ Kxd7 25.a4±)* 23.Nd6+ Bxd6 24.exd6]
22...cxd3? 2.04/17
[Better is 22...Nc5± 0.31/20]
23.Bxd3+- Nc5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Bg6+ 0.31/18
[25.Rf6!± 1.42/18]
25...Kd7±

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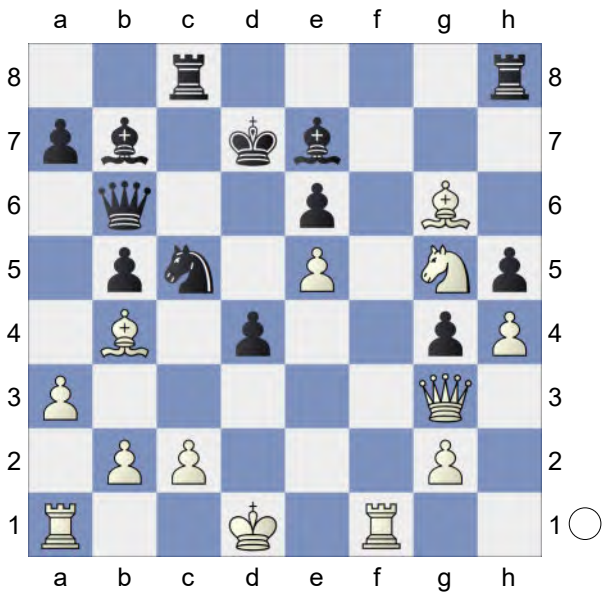
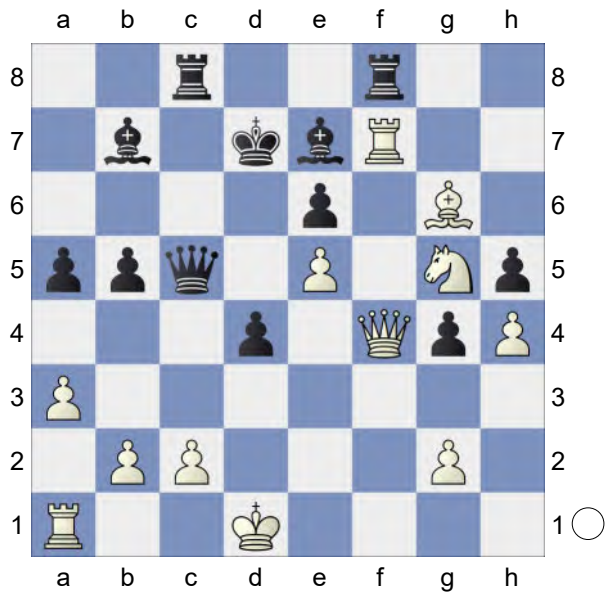


26.Rf7 -0.14/18
[26.Nxe6± 0.31/18 Kxe6 *(26...Qxe6? 27.Bf5+-* Pin *)* 27.Bxh5 Remove Defender, Decoy Rxh5 *(27...Bf3+? 28.gxf3 Rcg8 29.Bxg4+ Kf7 30.h5+-)* 28.Qxg4+ Kd5 29.Qxh5]
26...a5? 1.64/20
[26...Rhf8= -0.14/18]
27.Bxc5? 0.00/18
[White should try 27.Qf4+- 1.64/20 White threatens Rxe7+! and mate. Bd5 *(27...axb4? 28.axb4 Rce8 29.bxc5+-)* 28.Nxe6 *(28.Qf6 Rhe8±)* 28...Bxe6 *(28...Qxe6? 29.Bxc5+-)* 29.Qxd4+ Kc6 30.Rxe7]
27...Qxc5= 28.Qf4 Chess con chili. White leaves nothing to chance now.
28...Rhf8? 4.11/18
[28...Bd5!= -0.23/18 and Black is okay.]

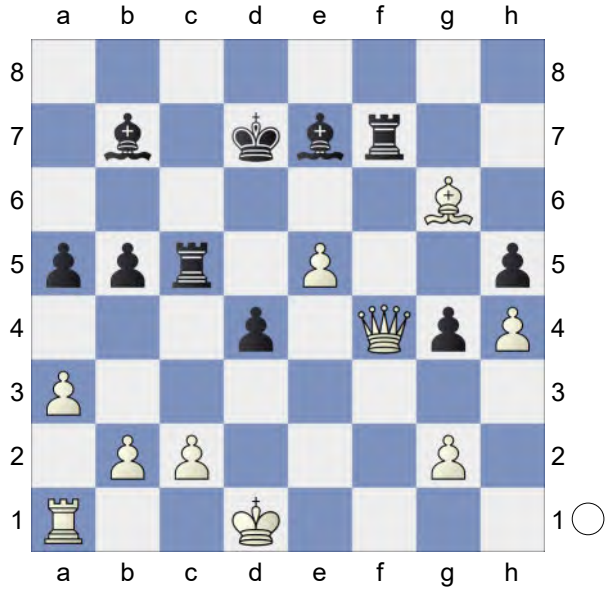
(Diagram)



29.Nxe6!+- Double Attack **29...Rxf7??** 7.18/17

[29...Kxe6± 0.99/17 30.Qf5+ *(30.Bxh5?* is the wrong capture. *Qxc2+ 31.Ke1 Qe4+ 32.Qxe4 Bxe4-+)* 30...Kd5]

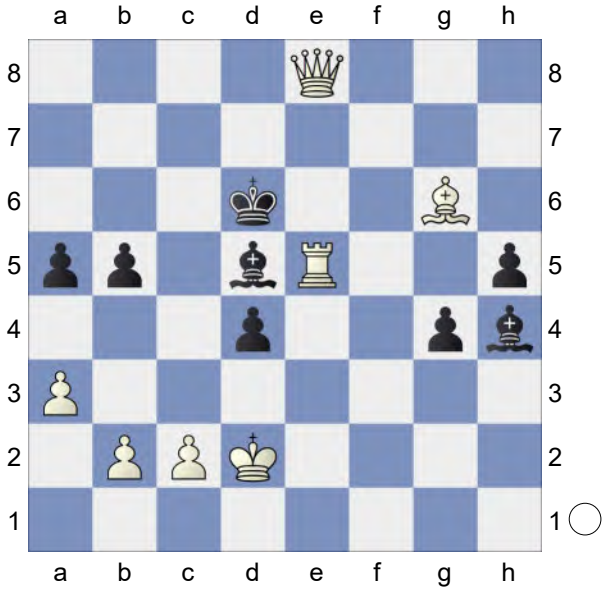
30.Nxc5+ Rxc5



31.Qxf7 Rxe5 32.Kd2 Bxg2 33.Re1 Bd5 34.Qe8+ Kd6 35.Rxe5 13.84/17

[⌓35.Qb8+ #7/15 Ke6 36.Qxe5+ Kd7 37.Qxd5+ *(37.Qxe7+ Kc6 38.Be8+ Kb6 39.Qd6+ Ka7 40.Re7+ Bb7 41.Qc7 b4 42.Qxb7#)* 37...Bd6 38.Qb7+ *(38.Bxh5 Kc7 39.Rf1 a4 40.Rf7+ Be7 41.Rxe7+ Kb6 42.Qxd4+ Kc6 43.Be8#)* 38...Bc7 39.Be8+ Skewer *(39.Qxb5+ Kd6 40.Be8 g3 41.Qe5#)* 39...Kd8 40.Qa8+ Bb8 41.Qxb8#]

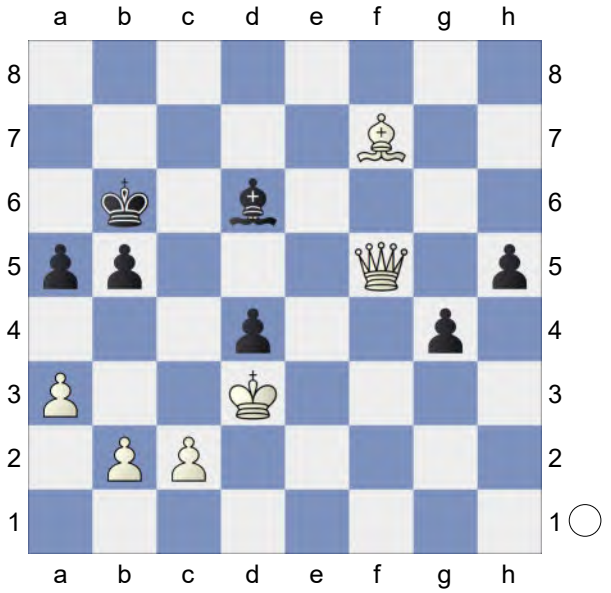
35...Bxh4



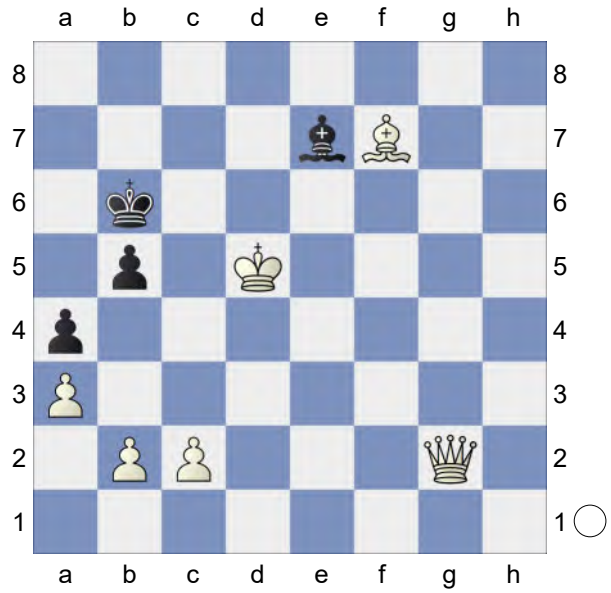
36.Rxd5+ 11.97/15 **Kxd5 37.Kd3 Bg3 38.Bf7+ Kc5 39.Qc8+ Kb6 40.Qf5** 12.31/16

[⌓40.Bd5 #3/16 Bb8 41.Qc6+ Ka7 42.Qb7#]

40...Bd6



41.Qxh5 11.94/15
[⌓41.Qd7 #6/16 a4 42.Qxd6+ Kb7 43.Kxd4 *(43.Bxh5 Kc8 44.Bxg4+ Kb7 45.Kxd4 b4 46.Kc5 b3 47.Qb6+ Ka8 48.Bf3#)* 43...h4 44.Kc5 Kc8 45.Kb6 h3 46.Be6#]
41...g3 42.Qg4 a4 43.Kxd4 White mates. **43...g2 44.Kd5 Bc5 45.Qxg2 Be7**



46.Ke6 Bc5 47.Be8 Kc7 48.Qc6+ Kb8 49.Bd7 Ba7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=1.15
50.Qc8#

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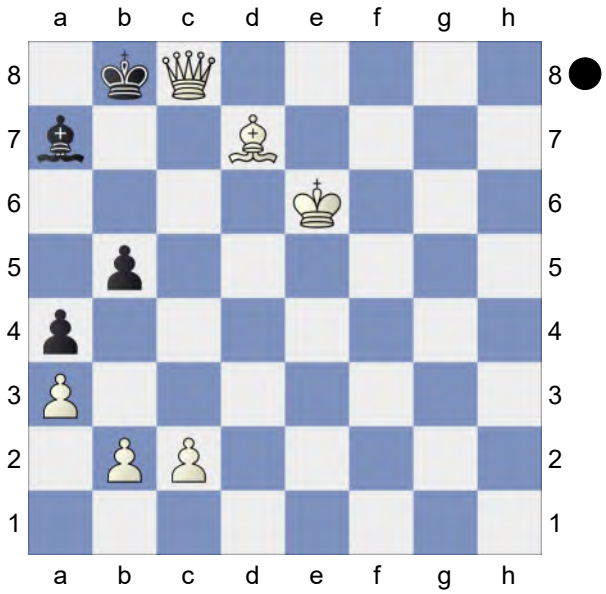

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34 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2787**
■ **Toomanymanoevres** **2965**
Blitz 26.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

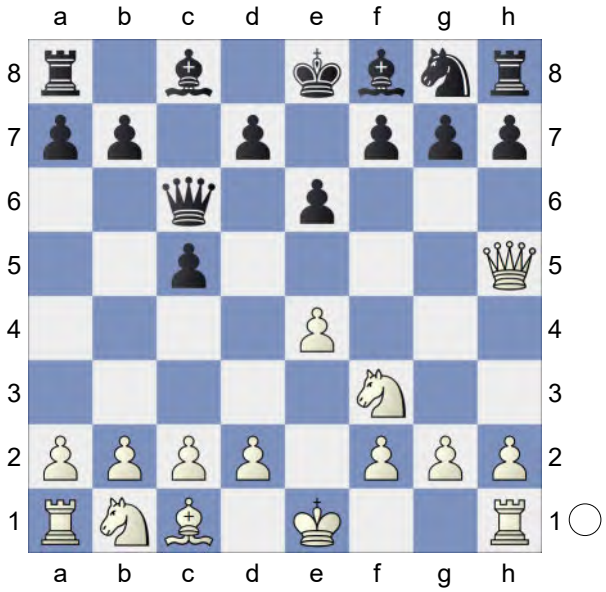
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8

17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Qb6N

[4...Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

5.Bxc6 Qxc6



6.Nc3 d6 Repels Ne5 **7.0-0 Be7** 0.24/22

[7...Nf6∓ -0.34/21 8.Qh4 Qc7]

8.d4 -0.16/18

[⌓8.e5 0.24/22]

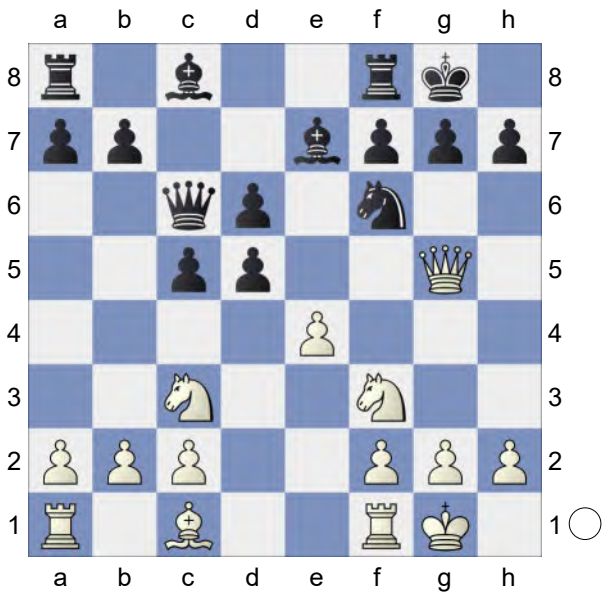
8...Nf6= 9.Qg5 Strongly threatening e5.

9...0-0 10.d5 -0.57/21

[10.dxc5= -0.16/18 Qxc5 11.Qxc5 dxc5 12.a4]

10...exd5

(Diagram)



11.exd5 Qc7 12.Qf4 Bd7 13.a4 a6 0.04/20

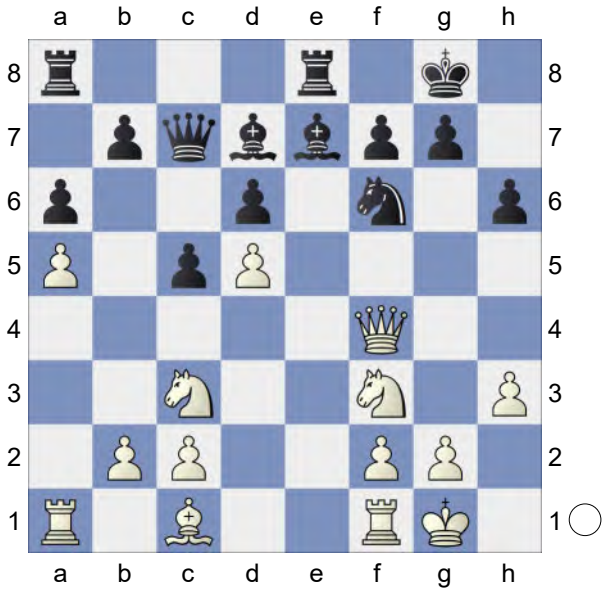
[13...Qc8∓ -0.35/21]

14.a5 Rfe8 0.45/20

[Black should try 14...Rae8= -0.17/19]

15.h3 h6 0.57/18

[15...Nh5= 0.18/20 16.Qc4 b5 17.axb6 Qxb6]



16.Re1 -0.19/23

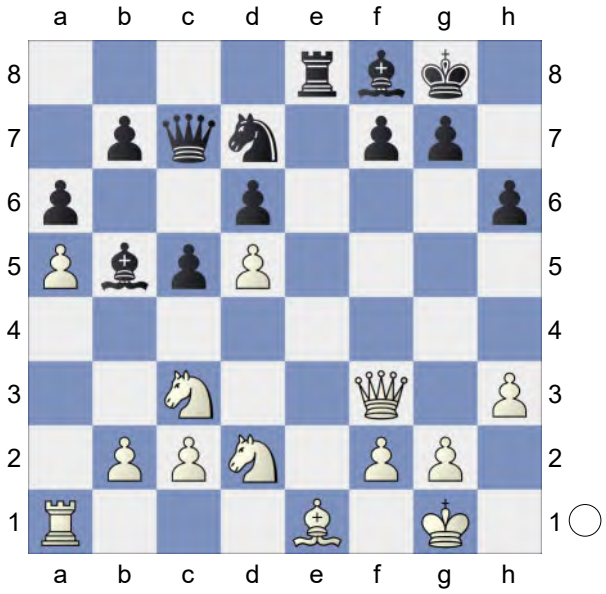
[16.Nd2!± 0.57/18]

16...Bf8 17.Bd2 Rxe1+ 18.Bxe1 Re8 19.Nd2 Bb5 0.30/19

[⌓19...b5 -0.10/21 20.axb6 Qxb6]

20.Qf3 Nd7 0.45/18

[20...Qe7= -0.02/23]



21.Nce4 -0.19/20

[21.Nxb5± 0.45/18 axb5 22.Qb3]

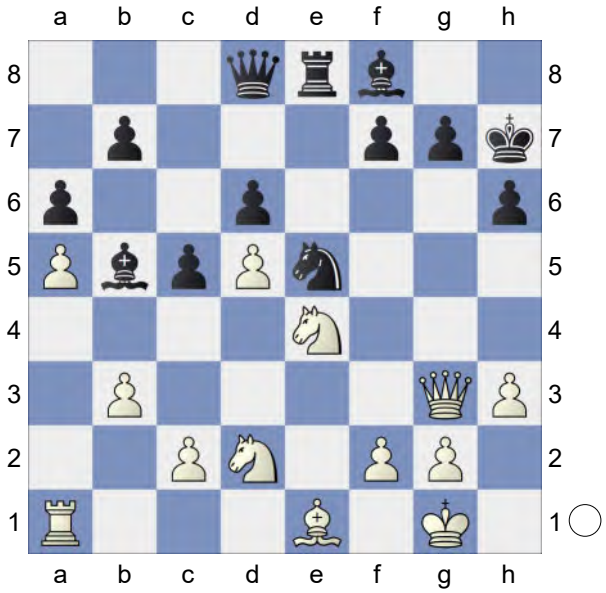
21...Ne5 22.Qg3 Qd8 Against Nf6+

23.b3 -0.73/20

[23.Qb3= -0.07/18 remains equal.]

23...Kh7 0.73/19

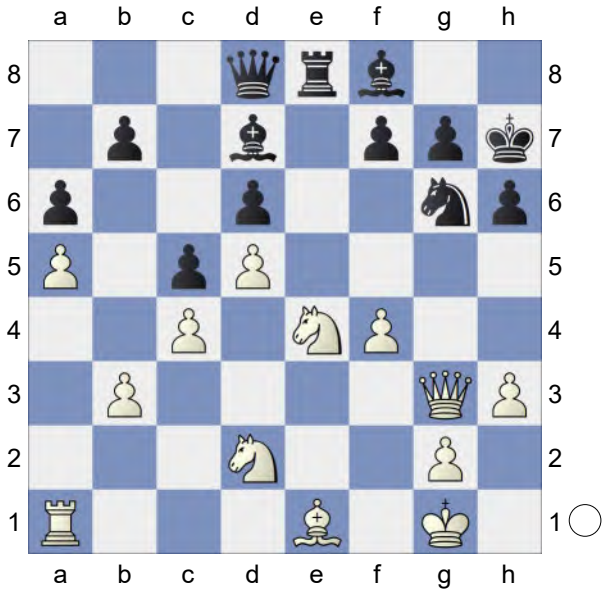
[23...f5∓ -0.73/20 and life is bright. 24.c4 Bd7]



24.c4 -0.31/19 White is more active.

[24.f4!± 0.73/19 Ng6 25.f5]

24...Bd7∓ 25.f4 Ng6

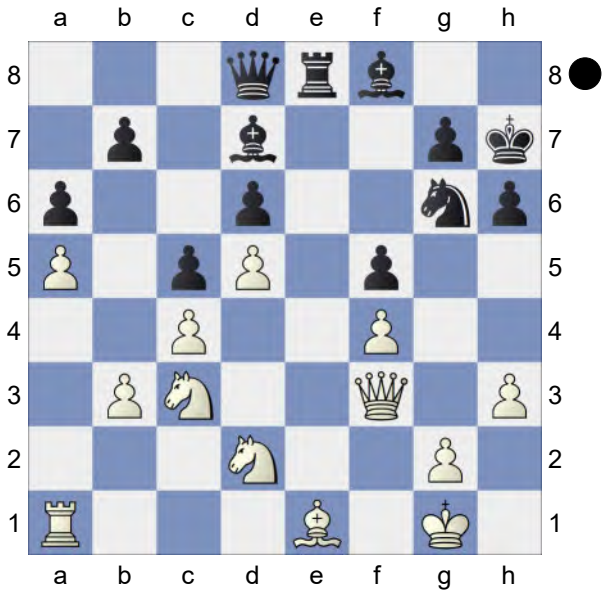


26.Qf3 -0.87/20

[26.h4∓ -0.43/21]

26...f5∓ 27.Nc3 -2.20/23

[27.Ng5+∓ -0.91/21 might work better. Kg8 *(27...hxg5 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Qxg6=)* 28.Ne6 Bxe6 29.dxe6]



27...Be7? -0.41/22

[27...Qf6!-+ -2.20/23 Strongly threatening ...Qd4+. 28.Nf1 Qd4+

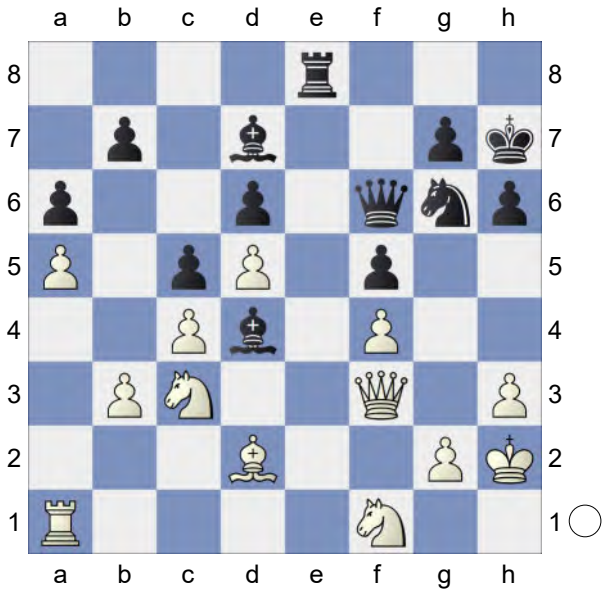
29.Bf2 Qxf4]

28.Nf1∓ Bf6 29.Bd2 Bd4+ 0.00/22

[29...Nh4!∓ -0.42/20 should be considered. 30.Qd3 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 g5]

30.Kh2 Qf6 0.50/23

[30...Nh4= -0.10/22 31.Qd3 g5 32.fxg5 hxg5]



31.Rc1!± Nh4 32.Qg3

[32.Qd3!?]

32...Re7 0.66/22

[32...Rg8= 0.13/22]

33.Re1 Ng6 34.Ne2 Bb2 35.Ne3 0.47/20

[Better is 35.Qf3± 1.05/19]

35...Re4

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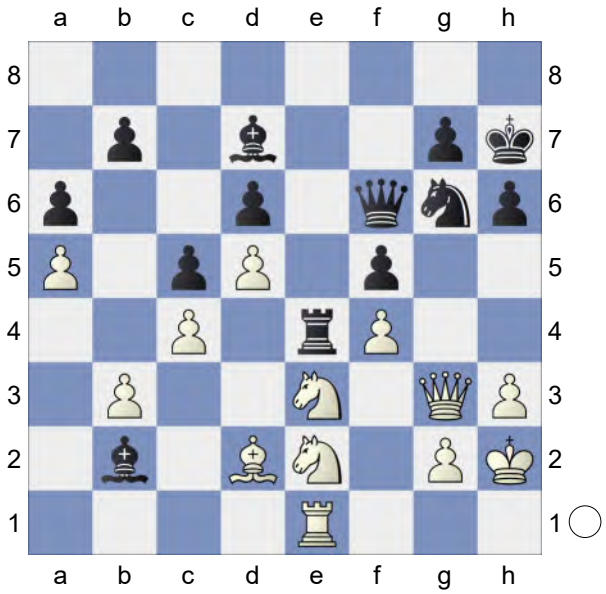
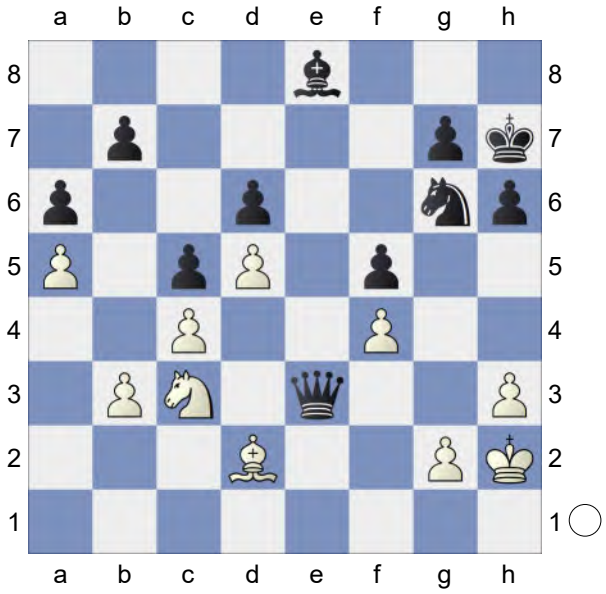


36.Nd1! Bd4 37.Ndc3 Re8 38.Nxd4 Qxd4 39.Rxe8 Bxe8 40.Qe3 Qxe3



41.Bxe3 Endgame KBN-KBN **41...Ne7 42.Kg3 Kg6 43.Kf2 Kf7 44.Ke2 Nc8 45.Kd3 b6**

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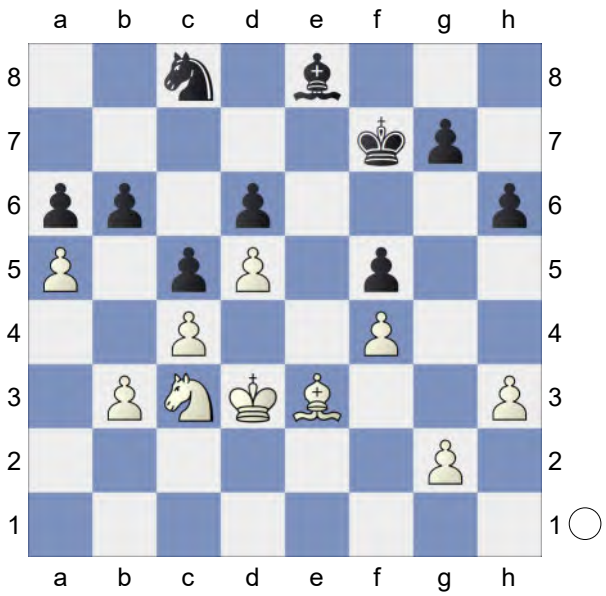
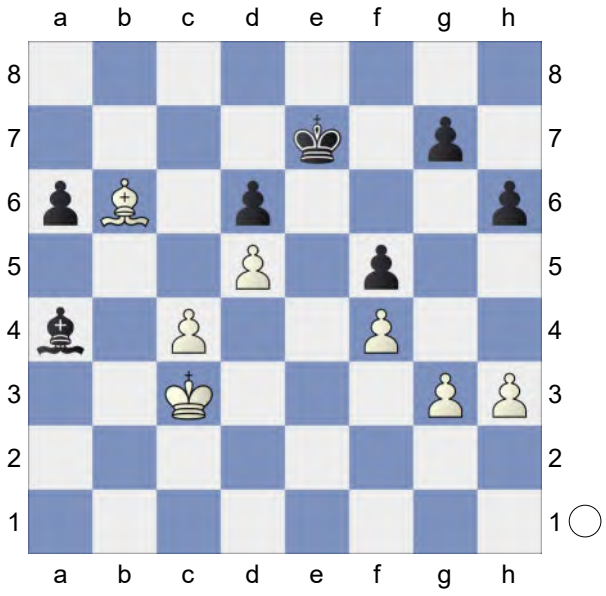


46.axb6 Nxb6 47.b4 cxb4
The position is equal. **48.Bxb6 bxc3**
49.Kxc3= KB-KB **49...Ba4 50.g3**
[50.Bc7!? Ke7□ 51.h4=]
50...Ke7



51.Kb4 Bd1 52.h4 h5 53.Bd4 g6
54.Ka5 Be2 55.Kb4 Kd7

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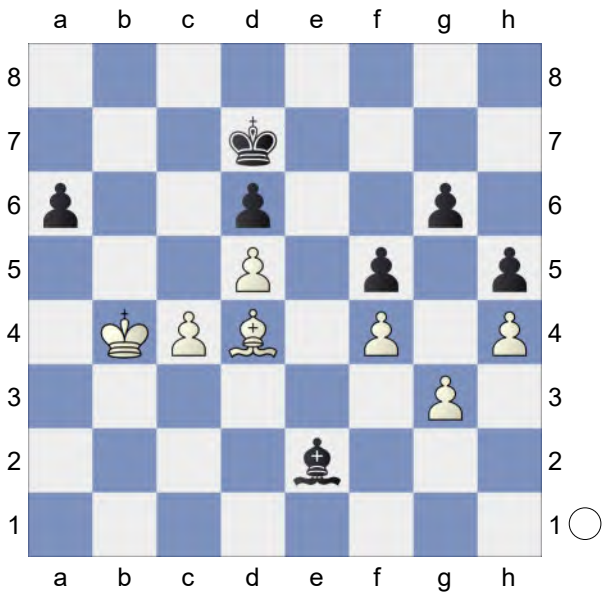
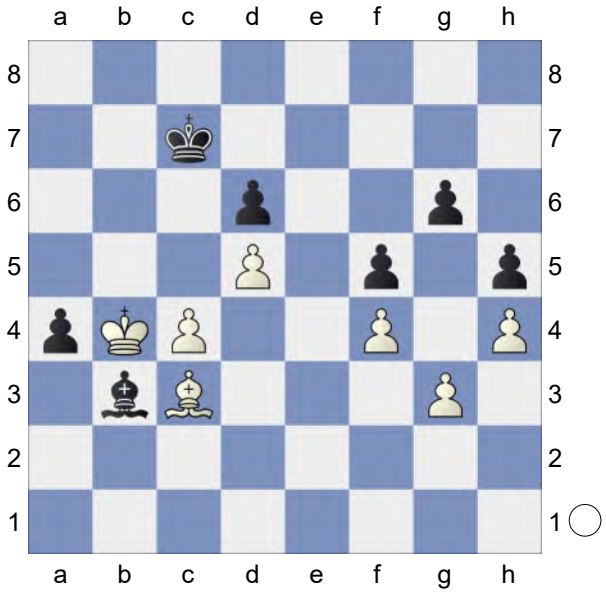


56.Bg7 a5+ 57.Kc3 a4 58.Bd4 Bd1
59.Kb4 Bb3 60.Bc3 Kc7



61.Bd4 Kd7 62.Bf6 Kc8 63.Bd4
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63...Kd7

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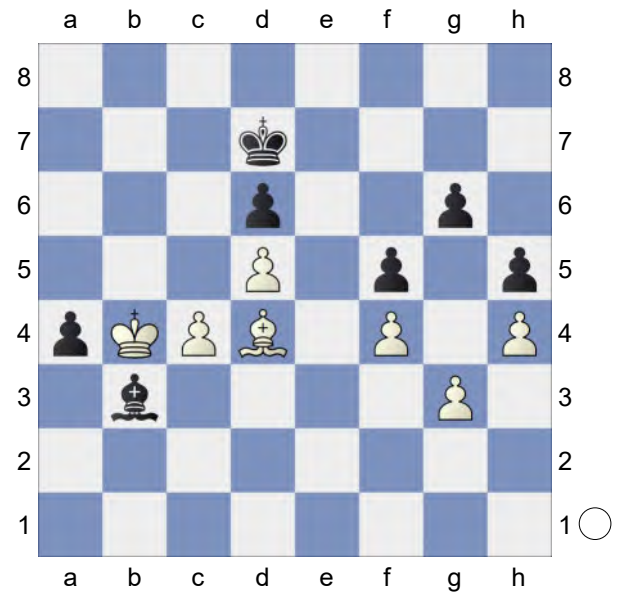

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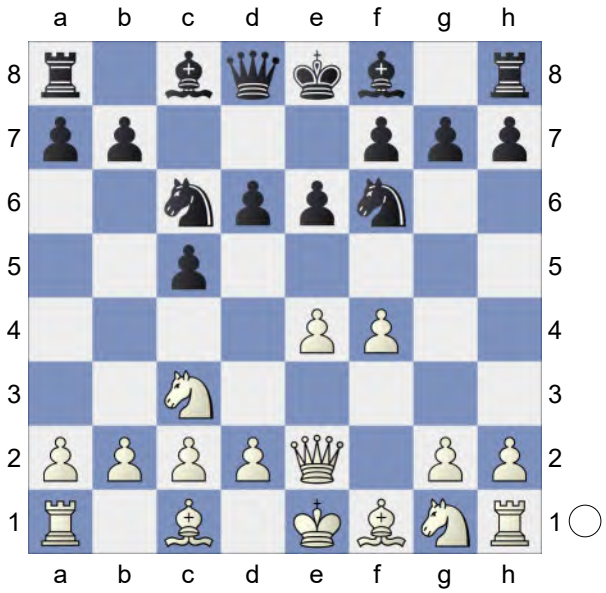
35 **B20**
□ **Popov,Danila** **2768**
■ **Yuvalb** **2355**
Rapid 01.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+8sec
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nc3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nf6 4.Qe2 d6 5.f4 Nc6



6.Nf3 Be7 7.g3 a6 8.d3 Black has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Bg2 Rb8 10.Nb5?** -3.84/20 **axb5-+**

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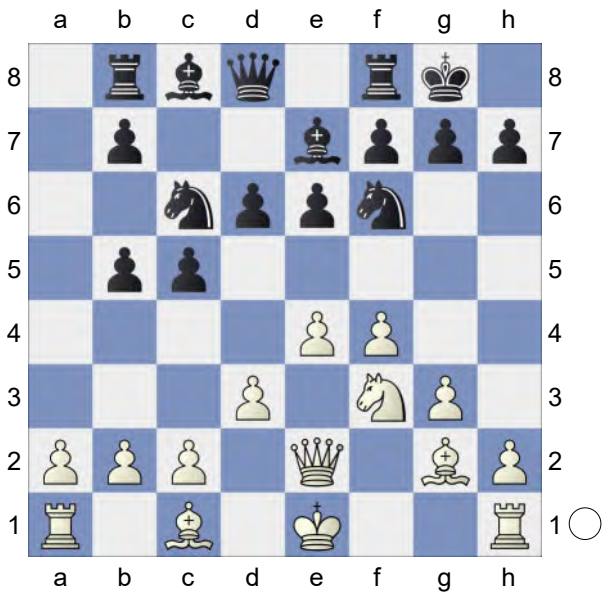
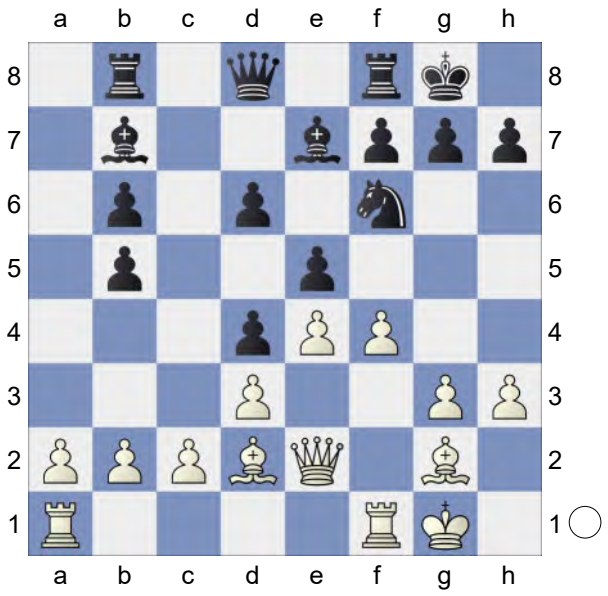


11.0-0 e5 12.Be3 Nd4 13.Nxd4 cxd4
[13...exd4 14.Bd2-+]
14.Bd2 b6 15.h3 Bb7



16.c3 dxc3 17.Bxc3 exf4 18.Rxf4 Rc8 19.Raf1 Nd7 20.h4 Ne5

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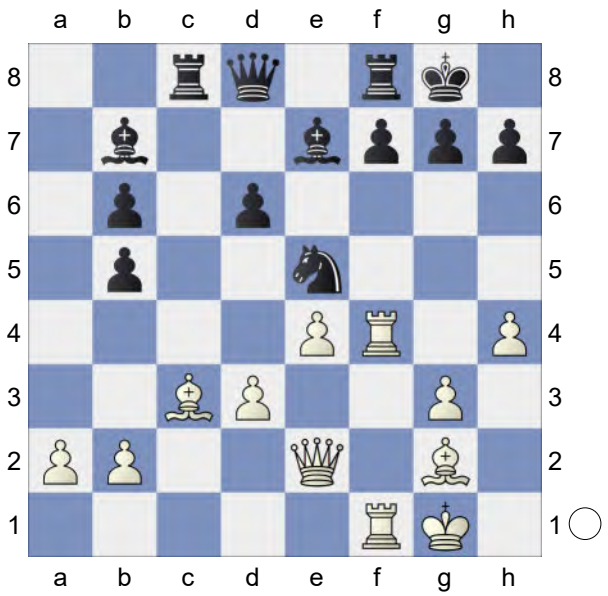
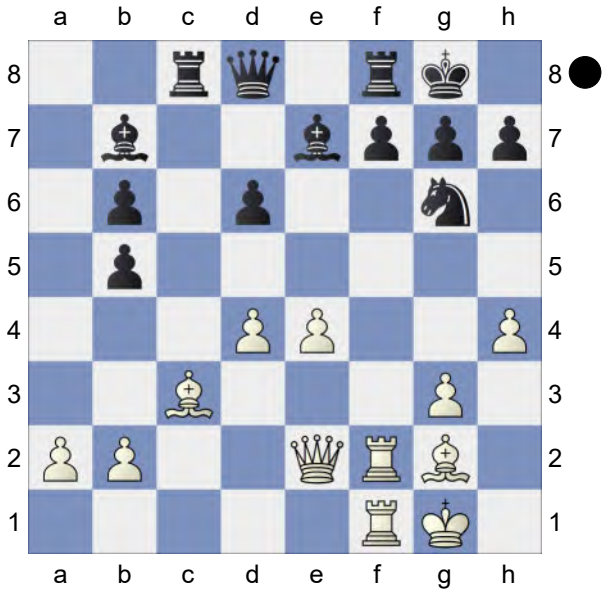
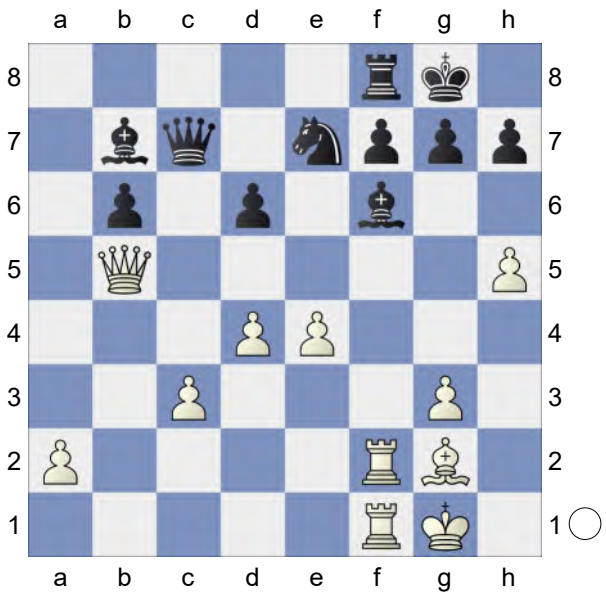


21.d4 Ng6 22.R4f2

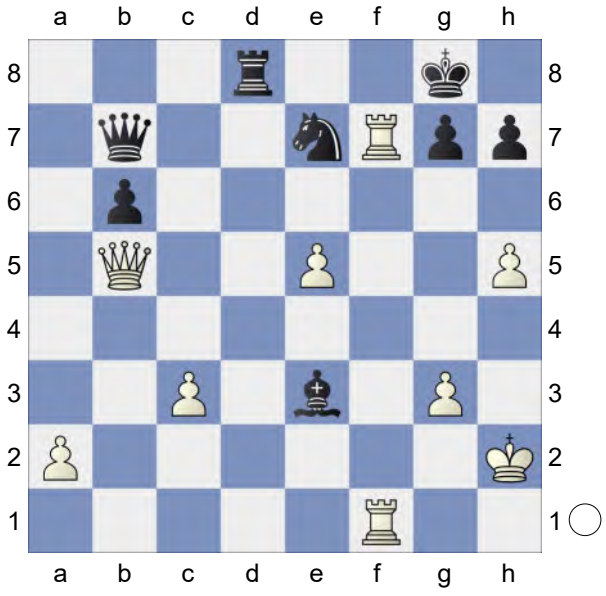


Rxc3 -1.59/17 **23.bxc3∓ Bf6** -0.45/19
[23...Qc8∓ -1.54/19 24.h5 Nh8]
24.Qxb5 -1.26/19
[Better is 24.h5!∓ -0.45/19]
24...Qc7 -0.10/18
[24...h6∓ -1.26/19 And now ...Re8 would win. 25.Rb1 Re8]
25.h5= Ne7

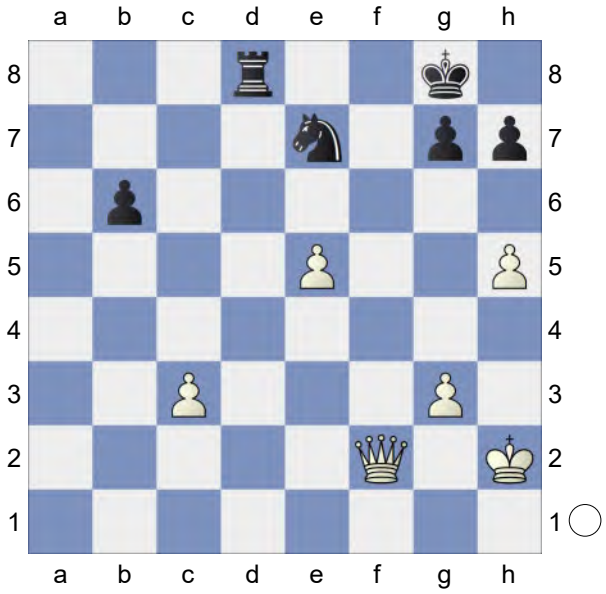
(Diagram)



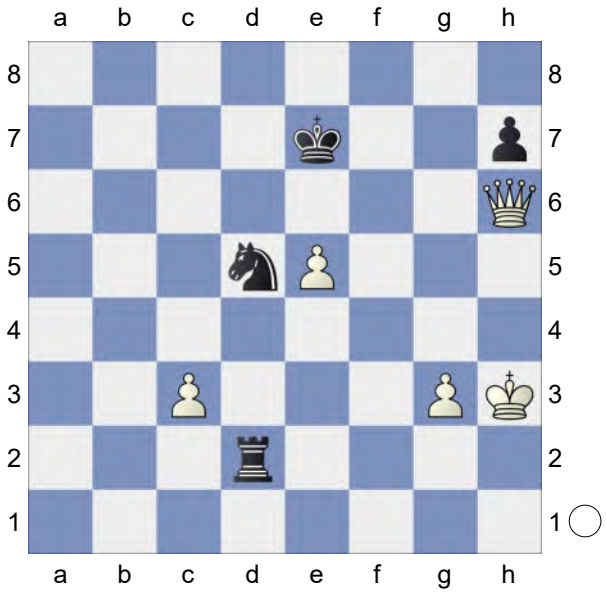
26.e5! dxe5 27.Bxb7 Qxb7 0.77/18
[27...exd4= 0.00/22 remains equal. 28.Bg2 dxc3 *(28...Qxg3 29.Rf3=)*]
28.dxe5± White is more active. **28...Bg5 29.Rxf7!** Decoy, Back Rank **29...Be3+?** 5.37/18
[29...Ra8± 0.45/21]
30.Kh2+- White is clearly winning. **30...Rd8**



31.Qd3! Double Attack **31...Qd5**
[31...Bg1+ 32.Kxg1]
32.Qxe3 Qxa2+ 33.R1f2 Rxg7+ is the strong threat. **33...Qxf7 34.Rxf7**
[34.Qxb6? loses. Qxh5+ 35.Kg2 Qe8 36.Qe6+ Kh8-+]
34...Kxf7 Endgame KQ-KRN **35.Qf2+ Kg8**



36.Qxb6 Rd2+ 37.Kh3 Nd5 38.Qe6+ Kf8 39.h6 gxh6 40.Qxh6+ Ke7



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41.Qxd2

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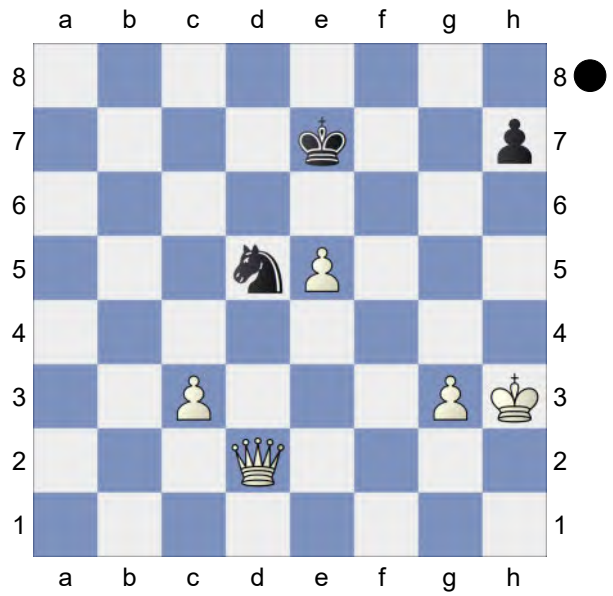

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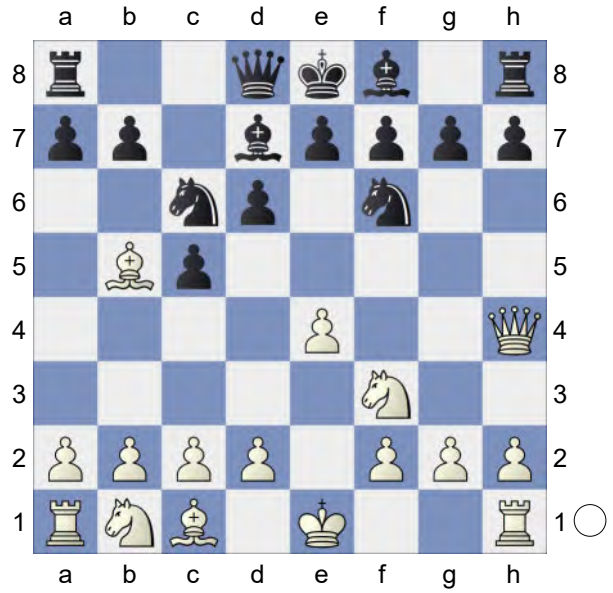
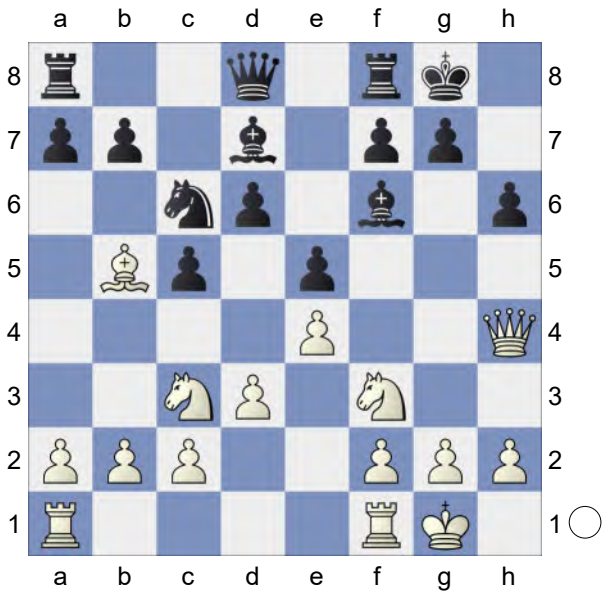
36 **B20**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2763**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2656**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (1.24)
[MH]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

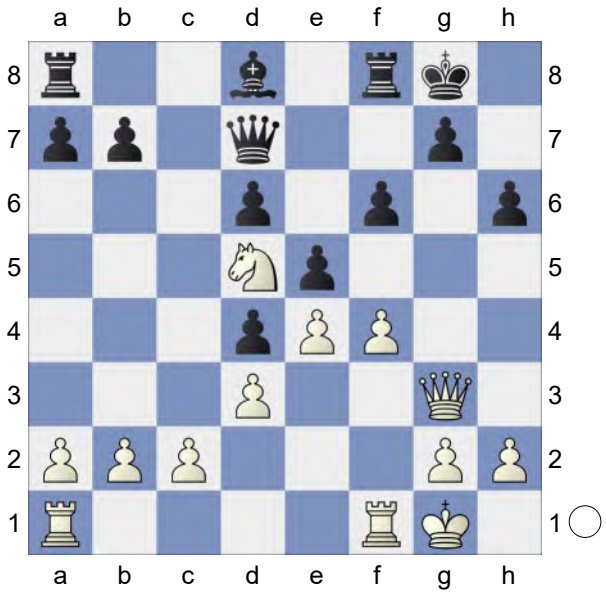
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7



6.0-0 e5 7.d3 Be7 Threatens to win with ...Nb4. **8.Bg5** Black is slightly better. **8...h6 9.Nc3 0-0** -0.27/20
[9...a6∓ -0.66/20 10.Bxc6 Bxc6]
10.Bxf6!= Bxf6



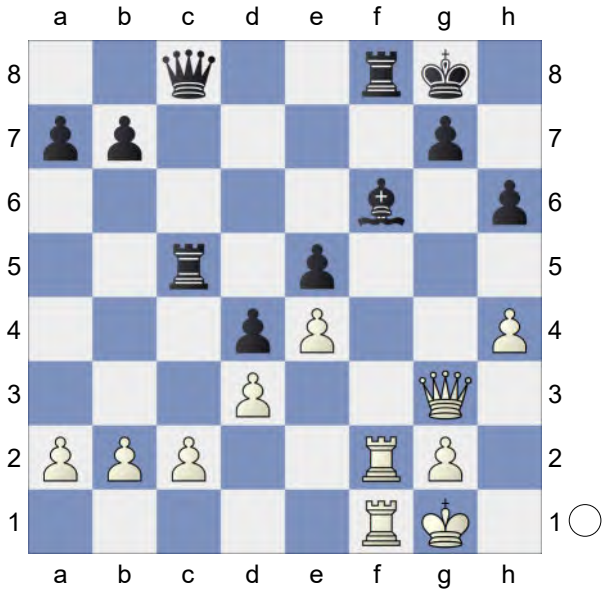
11.Qg3 Nd4 0.57/23
[11...a6∓ -0.31/20 12.Bc4 b5]
12.Bxd7± Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 1.08/12
[15...Rc8± 0.68/22]



16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5

[19.Kh2 looks sharper. Rxc2 20.f5 Rf7 21.b3]

19...dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6



21.Rxf6 Rxf6 22.Rxf6 Rxc2± Endgame. KQR-KQR **23.Rg6** 0.00/14

[23.Rxh6± 0.73/11 Rxb2 24.Kh2]

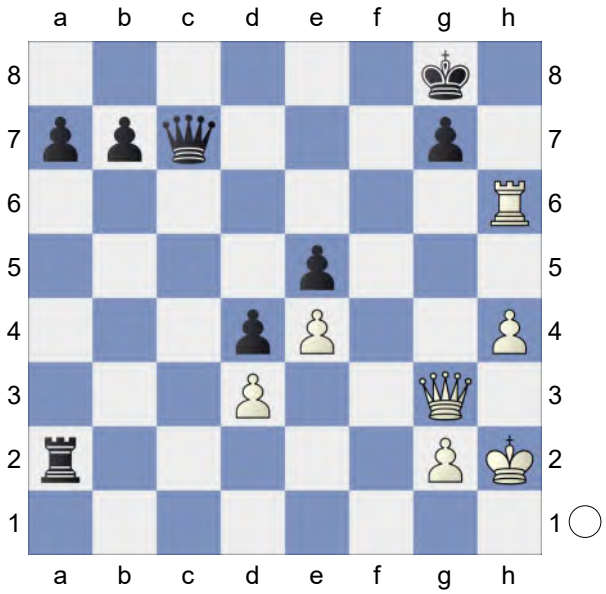
23...Qc7 0.58/15

[23...Qf8!= 0.00/14]

24.Rxh6± Rxb2 25.Kh2 0.27/22

[25.Re6± 0.71/25]

25...Rxa2=



26.Re6 Qf7 Prevents Re8+. **27.Qxe5** 0.36/12

[Better is 27.Rxe5± 0.76/18 Black must now prevent Rf5. Rf2 28.Qg5]

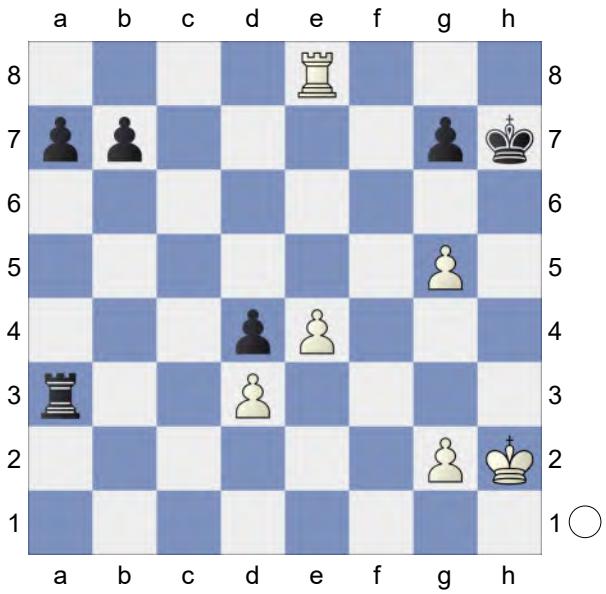
27...Kh7!± 28.Re8 -0.80/10

[28.Kh3± 0.36/17 keeps the upper hand. Ra5 29.Re7 *(29.Qxa5 Qxe6+ 30.g4 Qf7=)*]

28...Qg6∓ 29.Qg5 -7.11/11 **Qxg5?** -0.04/10

[29...Qxe8-+ -7.11/11 30.Qf5+ Qg6]

30.hxg5-+ KR-KR **30...Ra3**



31.Re7 b5

[31...Rxd3 32.Rxb7 a6 33.Rb6]

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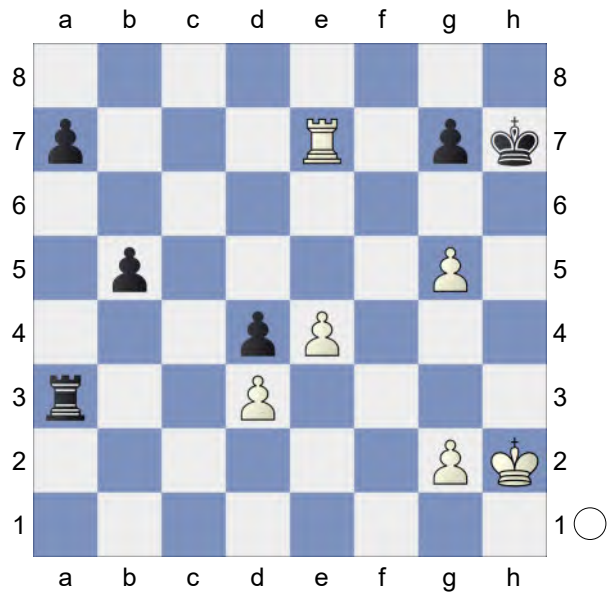
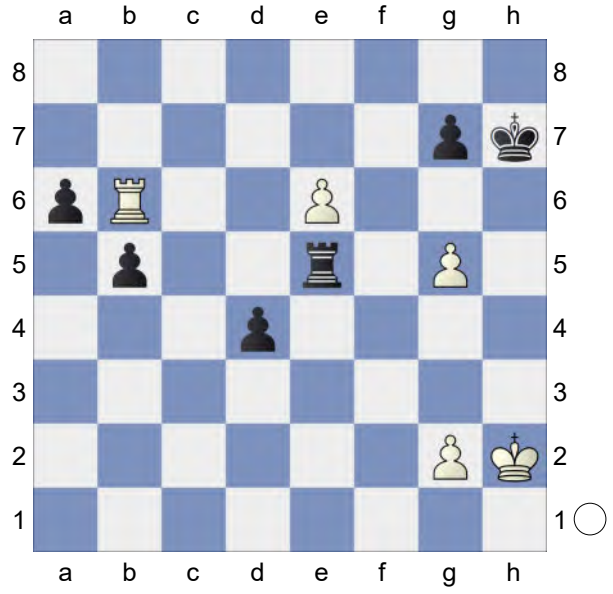


And now ...a5! would win. **32.Rb7 a6**
[32...Rxd3 33.Rxb5 Re3 34.Ra5]
33.e5? -5.76/19
[White should play 33.Rb6!∓ -0.31/11]
33...Rxd3 34.Rb6 Re3 35.e6 Re5



36.Rxa6 Rxg5 37.Rd6 Re5 38.Kg3

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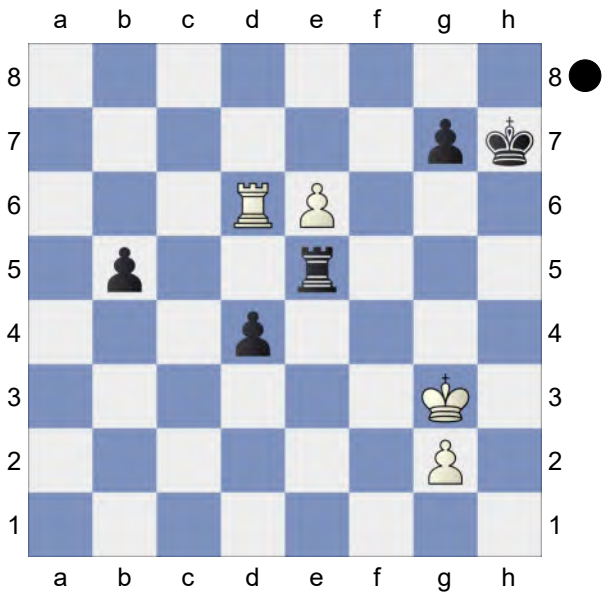
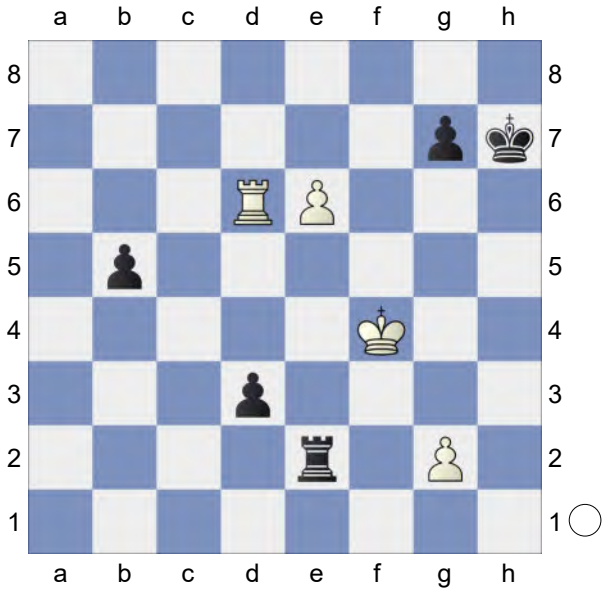


d3! ...b4 would now be deadly. **39.Kf4**
[39.Rxd3 Rxe6]
39...Re2

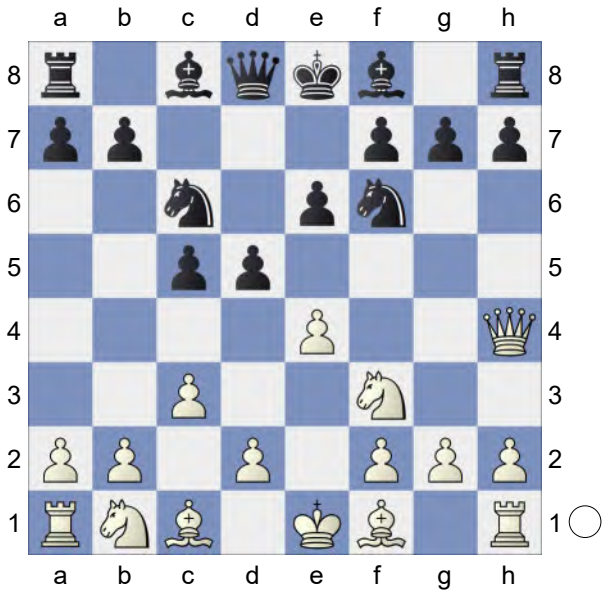


Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/
Black=0.37. Loses game: White=2
--- Missed win: ---
Black=1 Mistake: White=4
Black=4 Inaccurate: ---
Black=2 OK: White=13
Black=13 Best: White=3
Black=4 Strong: White=1
Black=1
0-1

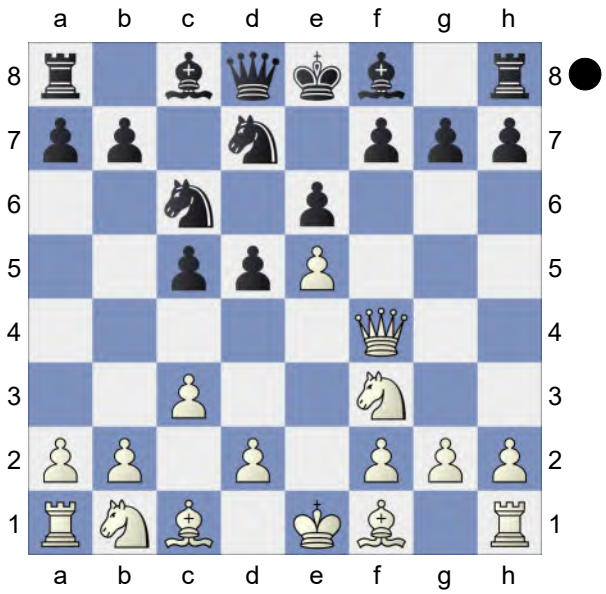
37 **B20**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2763**
■ **Drozdowski,K** **2450**
Titled 6th Nov Early (11) 26.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nc6 4.c3N
[4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
4...Nf6 5.Qh4 d5 -0.16/18
[5...Qc7∓ -0.70/19]

(Diagram)



6.e5!= Nd7 7.Qf4 -0.93/19
[7.Qxd8+= -0.15/20 keeps the balance. Nxd8 8.Be2]



7...d4 -0.06/18 **8.Bb5** The position is equal. **8...Qc7** 0.49/20
[8...Ne7= -0.17/21]
9.0-0± Be7 10.d3 a6 1.71/20
[Better is 10...b6± 0.41/20]

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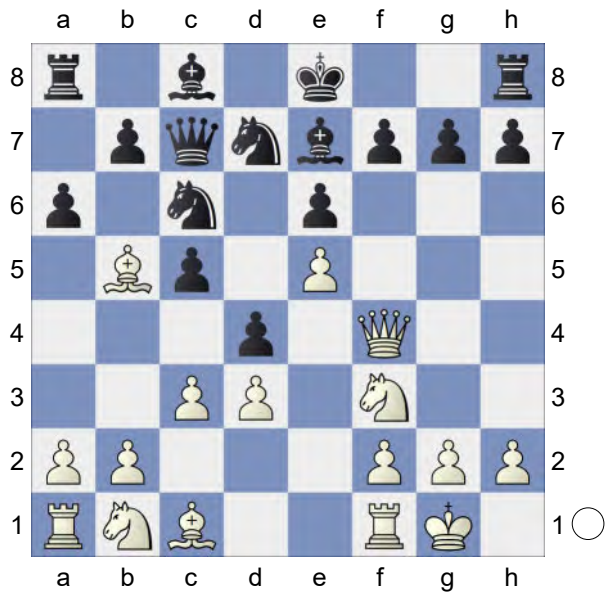
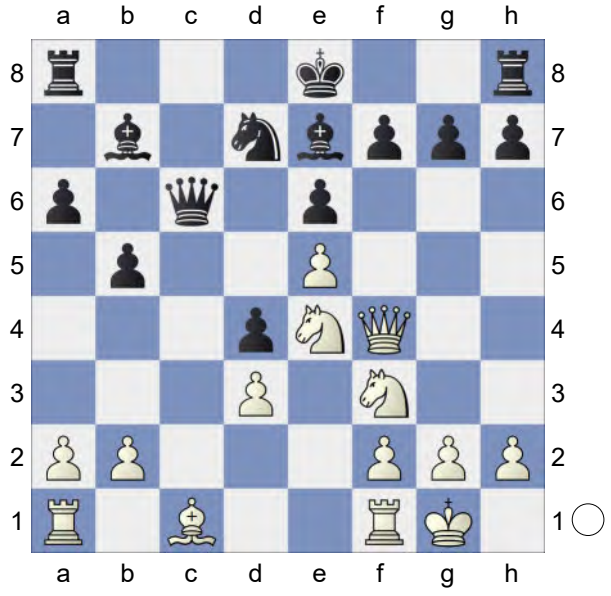
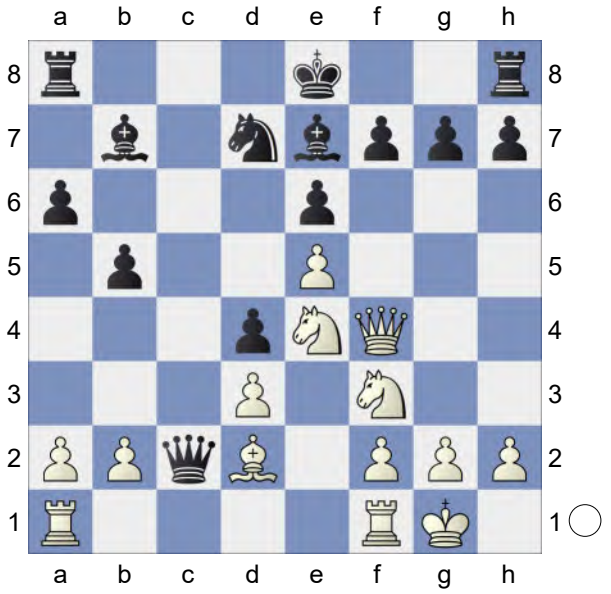


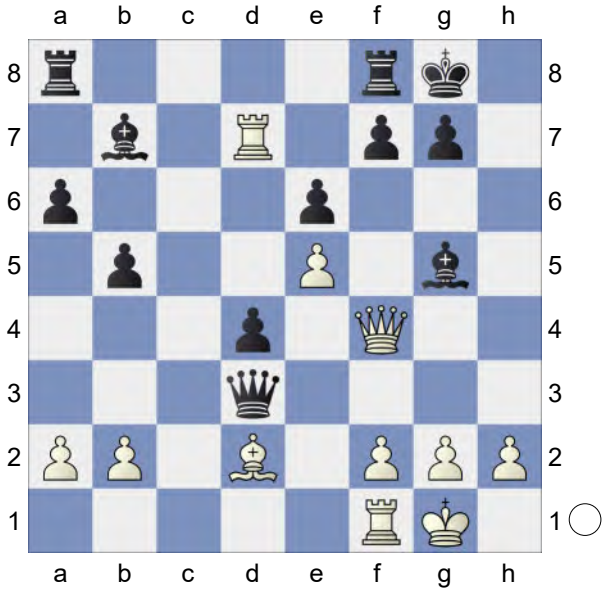
11.Bxc6+- Qxc6 12.cxd4 1.24/18
[12.Qg3+- 1.73/18]
12...b5 1.69/19
[12...0-0± 1.24/18]
13.Nc3 0.88/19
[13.Qg3!+- 1.69/19]
13...cxd4± 14.Ne4 Strongly threatening Qg3!. **14...Bb7** 1.71/19
[14...0-0± 0.93/20]



15.Bd2? 0.20/20
[15.Nxd4 Qd5 16.Be3 Qxe5∓ *(16...Nxe5 17.Qg3∓)*]
[15.Qg3!+- 1.71/19]
15...Qc2=

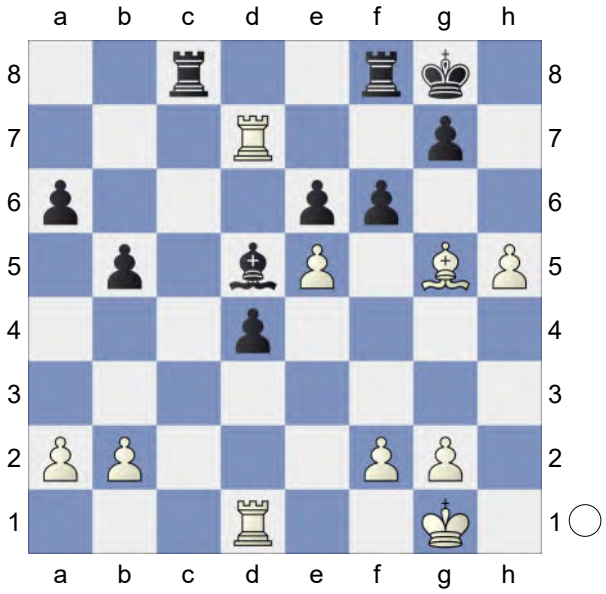


16.Nfg5 Excellent horsemanship.
16...0-0
[16...Qxd3? 17.Qxf7+ *(17.Nxf7? 0-0-+)* 17...Kd8 18.Rfc1+- *(18.Nxe6+ Kc8+-; 18.Qxg7 Bxe4 19.Ba5+ Kc8+-; 18.Ba5+ Kc8+-)*]
17.Rac1! Qxd3 Active counter play!
18.Rc7! h6 Some like it hot **19.Rxd7 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Bxg5**

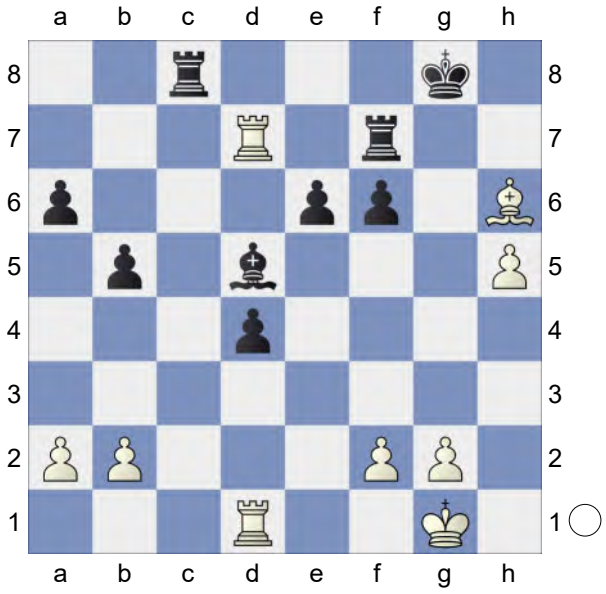


21.Qxg5 Bd5 22.h4 Black should prevent h5. **22...Qg6→** Black is up to no

good. **23.h5 Qxg5 24.Bxg5 Rac8 25.Rd1 f6!**



26.exf6 gxf6 27.Bh6 Rf7



28.Rxd5 -2.95/21 **exd5-+ 29.Rxd4=** Endgame KRR-KRB **29...Rh7 30.Bf4** -3.56/24

[⌓30.Bd2 -2.41/21 Rxh5 31.g4]

30...Rxh5 -2.04/20

[⌓30...Rc4 -3.56/24 31.Be3 Rxh5]

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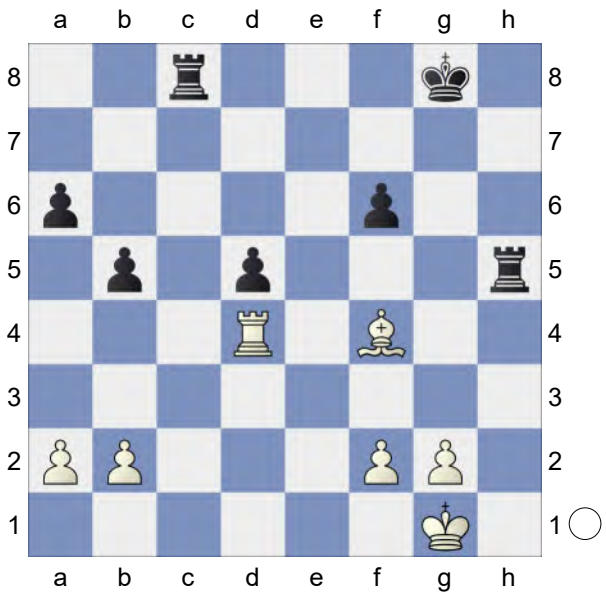


31.g4-+ Rh7 32.Rxd5 Rc4 33.Rf5 Kf7 -0.25/22

[33...Rh4-+ -1.77/24 34.f3 Kg7]

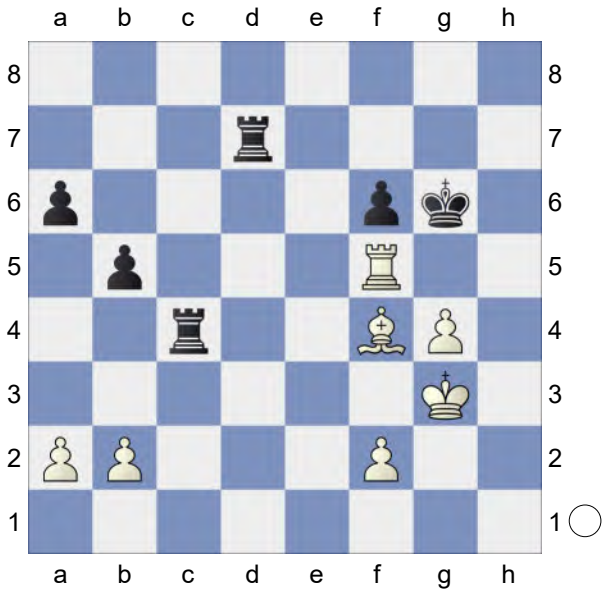
34.Kg2? -2.58/24

[34.g5!= -0.25/22 and White is okay.]

34...Kg6 35.Kg3 -2.23/23

[35.b3 -1.75/22 Rc2 36.a4]

35...Rd7



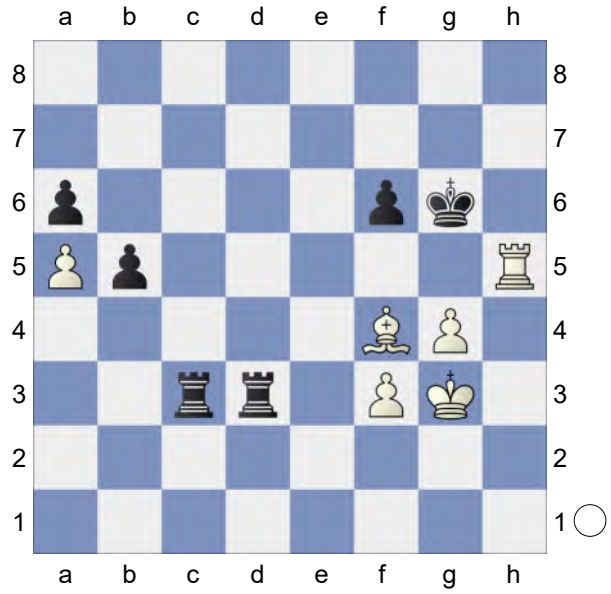
...Rc2 is the strong threat. **36.b3** -3.47/22

[36.Be3 -2.14/20]

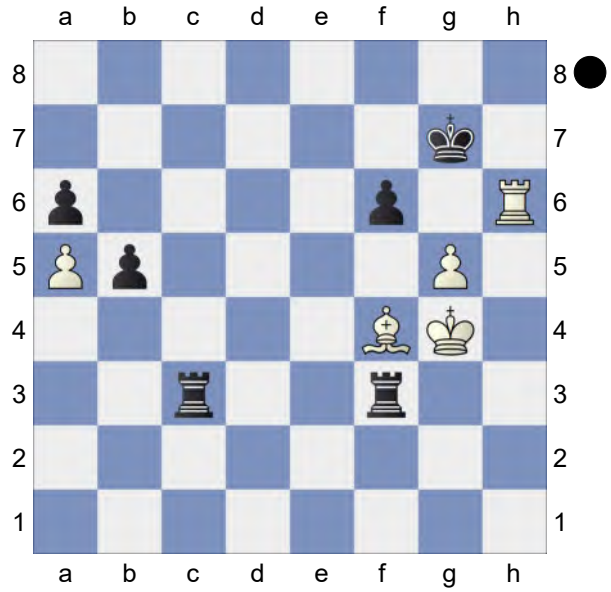
36...Rc2 37.a4 Rc3+ 38.f3 -5.35/20

[38.Be3 -3.40/20 might work better.

b4 *(38...Rxb3? 39.Rc5-+)* 39.Rh5]
38...Rxb3 39.a5 Rc3 40.Rh5 Rdd3



41.Rh6+ Kg7 42.g5 Rxf3+ 43.Kg4



Black used his chance.
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43...Rxf4+!

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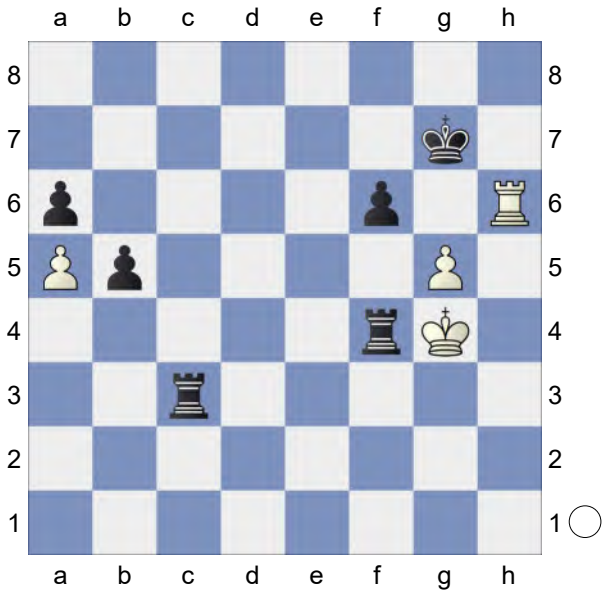

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38 **B20**
□ **Jiordani Jovanovich** **2760**
■ **The Main Event003** **2686**
Blitz 21.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

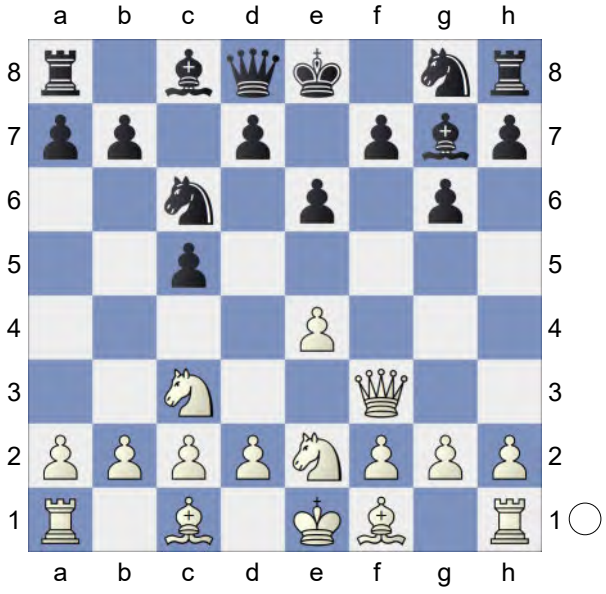
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7

14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...g6 4.Qf3 Nc6 5.Nge2 Bg7

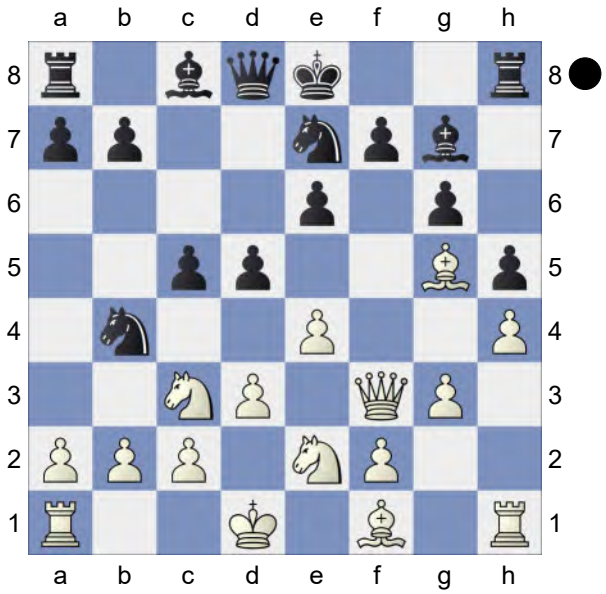


6.g3 -1.66/21

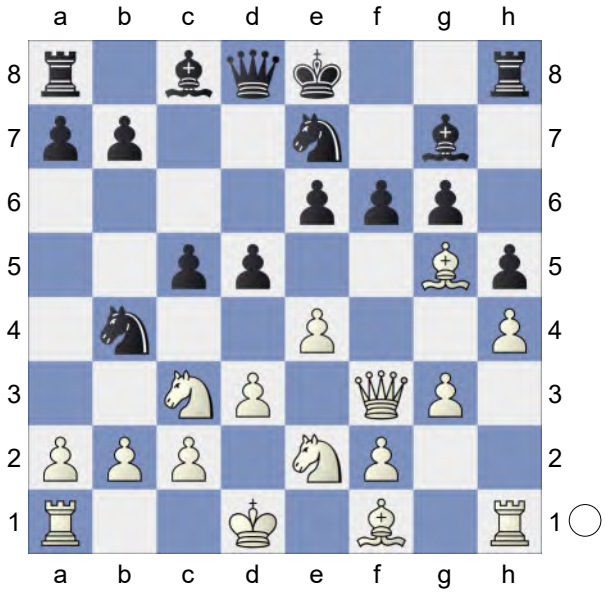
[6.h4∓ -1.26/20]

6...Nb4-+ 7.Kd1 Ne7 8.h4 Black is clearly better. **8...h5 9.d3 d5 10.Bg5**

(Diagram)



f6! -1.21/19



11.Bxf6∓

[11.Bd2 d4]

11...Rf8 12.e5 Bxf6 -0.42/15

[12...Nbc6!∓ -0.94/21 13.Qe3 Bxf6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.Qxc5 b6]

13.exf6∓ Nf5 14.Nf4? -1.99/22

[14.Qf4∓ -0.43/19]

14...Qxf6 -1.36/18

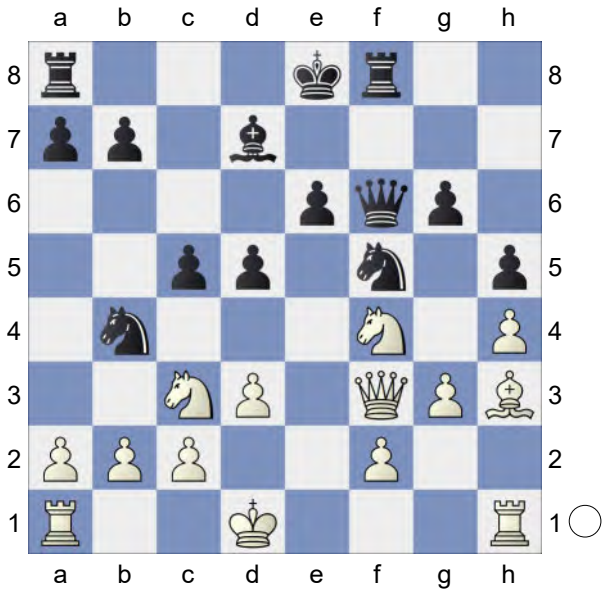
[14...Nd4-+ -1.99/22 15.Qg2 Rxf6 *(15...Ndxc2 16.Rb1∓; 15...Qxf6 16.a3∓)*]

15.Bh3 -2.08/19

[15.Qg2∓ -1.36/18]

15...Bd7? -0.45/17

[15...Nd4-+ -2.08/19 16.Qg2 e5 *(16...Nbxc2 17.Rb1∓)* 17.Ncxd5 Qc6 18.Nxb4 Qxg2 19.Bxg2 exf4]



16.Re1? -2.49/18

[Only move: 16.Bxf5∓ -0.45/17 Qxf5 17.Qe2]

16...0-0-0 -1.17/17

[16...Nd4-+ -2.49/18 17.Qh1 0-0-0 *(17...Nbxc2 18.Ncxd5 Qd8 19.Nxe6±; 17...Ndxc2? 18.Nfxd5 Qxf2 19.Re2-+)*]

17.a3? -4.14/18

[17.Bxf5∓ -1.17/17 was necessary. Qxf5 18.Qe2]

17...Nc6 -2.28/19

[⌓17...Nxc2 -4.14/18 18.Bxf5 Nxa1 *(18...Nxe1? 19.Kxe1 Qxf5 20.Qe2-+)*]

18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qe2 Rde8? 0.25/17

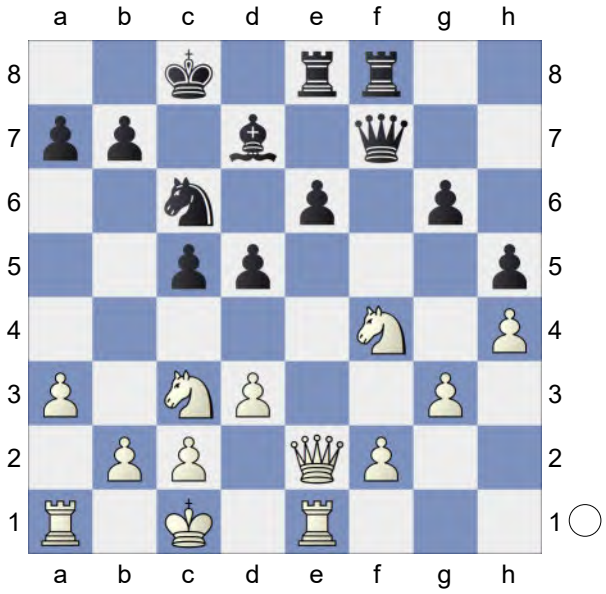
[19...e5-+ -3.28/21 20.Nfxd5 Qf7 *(20...Qxf2 21.Qxf2 Rxf2 22.Ne4-+)*]

20.Kc1? -1.69/20

[20.Nb5= 0.25/17 and White stays safe. Qf6 *(20...Kb8 21.Nd6=)* 21.Kc1 *(21.Nd6+ Kb8±)*]

20...Qf7? 1.09/19

[20...Qf6-+ -1.69/20 21.Rb1 Nd4]



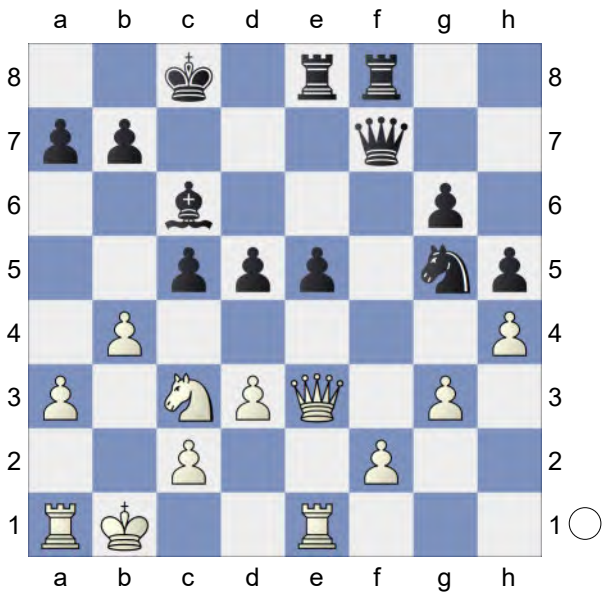
21.Kb1? -1.87/18

[21.Nb5!± 1.09/19 is forced if you want to stay better. aiming for Nd6+. Qg8 *(21...Kb8 22.Nd6±)* 22.Nd6+ Kb8 23.Nxe8]

21...Nd4-+ 22.Qe3 -3.03/21

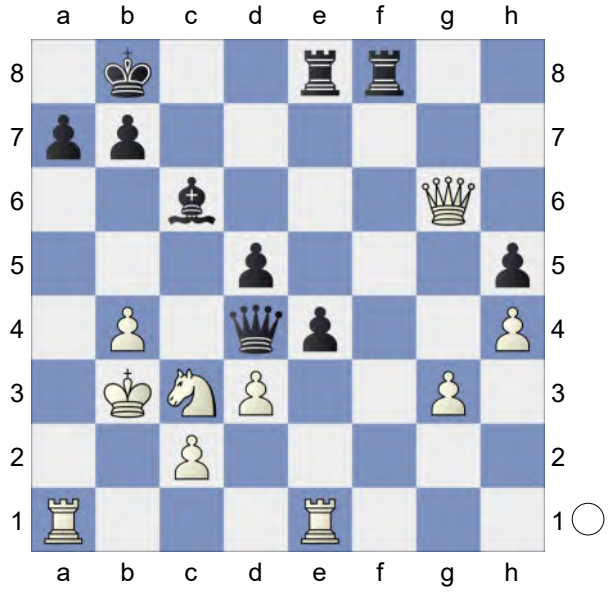
[22.Qd1∓ -1.60/19]

22...Bc6 23.b4 e5 24.Nh3 Nf3 25.Ng5 Nxg5



26.Qxg5 Qxf2 27.Kb2 cxb4 28.axb4

Qd4 -0.69/20
[28...Qb6!-+ -2.18/19 29.Na2 a5]
29.Kb3∓ e4 -0.10/16
[29...a6∓ -0.63/20]
30.Qxg6= Kb8? 1.75/19
[30...Rd8= -0.13/17]



31.Qd6+!+- Ka8 32.b5 0.91/22
[32.Rxe4!+- 1.75/24 Qb6 33.Rxe8+ *(33.Nxd5? Ba4+* Skewer, Discovered Attack *34.Rxa4 Qxd6-+)* 33...Rxe8 34.Ka3 *(34.Nxd5? Ba4+* Skewer, Discovered Attack *35.Rxa4 Qxd6-+)*]
32...Qb6± 33.Qb4 0.88/16
[33.Nxd5? Qxb5+ 34.Nb4 Qb6-+]
[⌓33.Ka3! 1.27/21]
33...Bd7 34.Nxd5 0.30/18
[34.Ra5!± 0.88/20]
34...Be6= 35.dxe4
[35.Qxe4? Qxb5+ 36.Qb4 Bxd5+-+ *(36...Qxd5+? 37.Kb2-+)*]
35...Rf3+ 1.02/19
[Black should try 35...Rc8!± 0.34/19]

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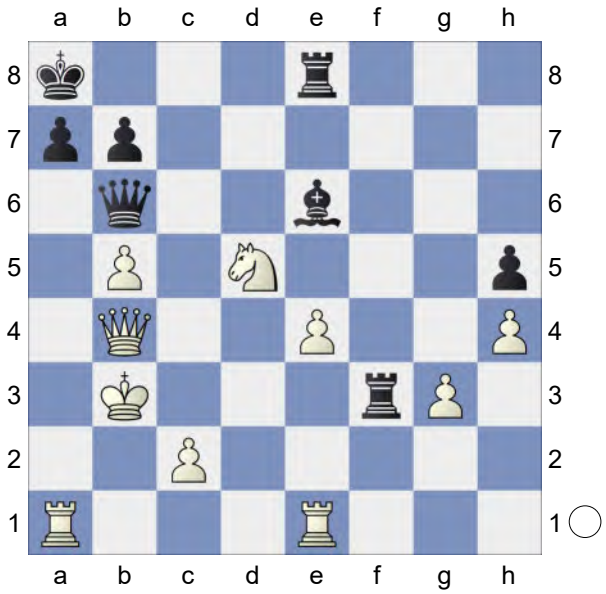
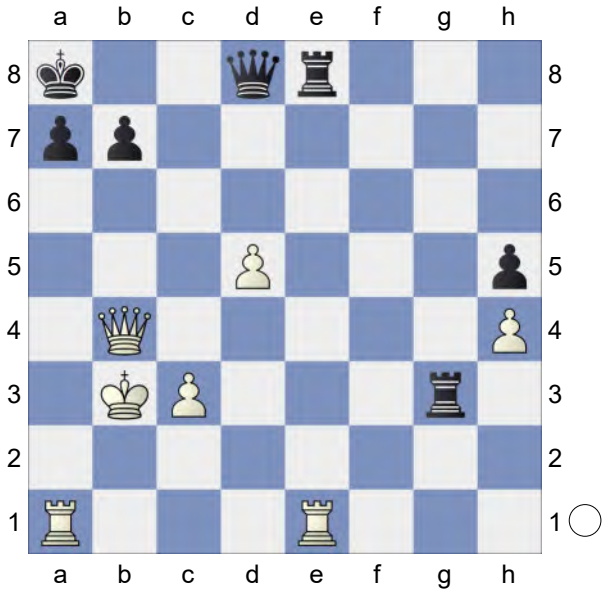
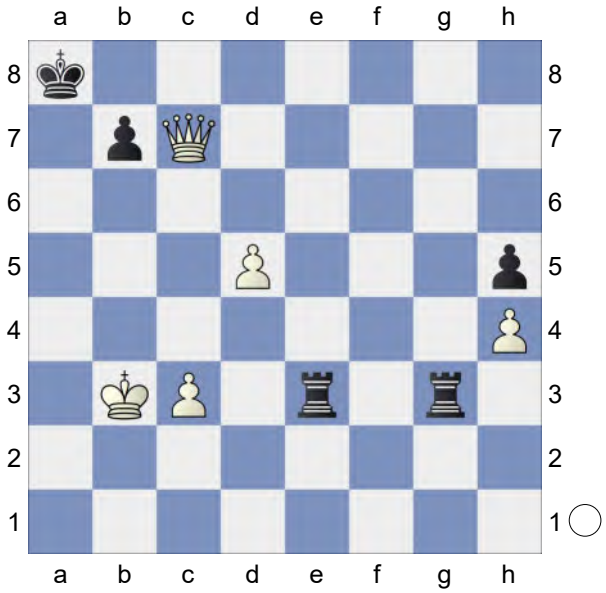


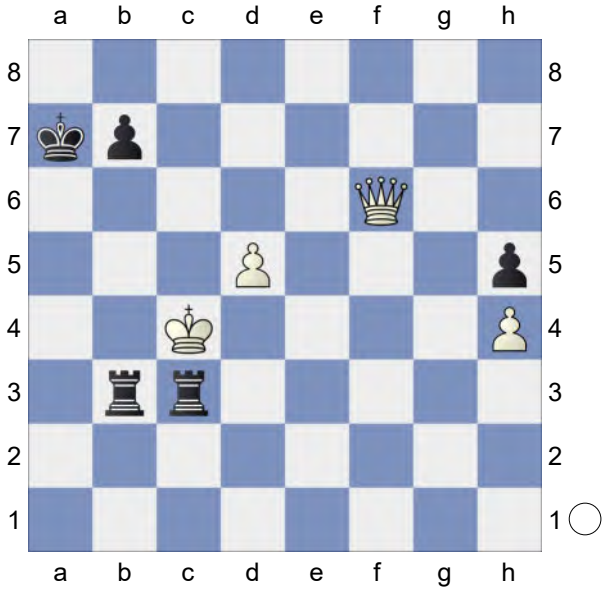
36.c3 -0.21/18
[36.Kb2± 1.02/19 Bxd5 37.exd5 Qf6+ 38.c3]
36...Rxg3 0.87/20
[36...Rc8!= -0.21/18]
37.Qc4!± Qd6 38.b6 0.00/21
[38.Qd4± 1.00/23 b6 39.Rg1]
38...Bxd5= Remove Defender **39.exd5 Qxb6+ 40.Qb4** Some like it hot
40...Qd8 3.78/20
[40...Qxb4+= 0.00/21 and Black stays safe. 41.Kxb4 Rc8]



41.Rxa7+? 0.00/28 **Kxa7 42.Ra1+ Kb8 43.Qf4+! Qc7 44.Ra8+!** Deflection **44...Kxa8 45.Qxc7** Endgame KQ-KRR **45...Ree3**



46.Qa5+ Kb8 47.Qd8+ Ka7 48.Qf6 Rxc3+ 49.Kb4 Rb3+ 50.Kc4 Rgc3+



51.Kd4 Rd3+ 52.Ke5 -1.44/21
[52.Ke4= 0.00/25 remains equal.]

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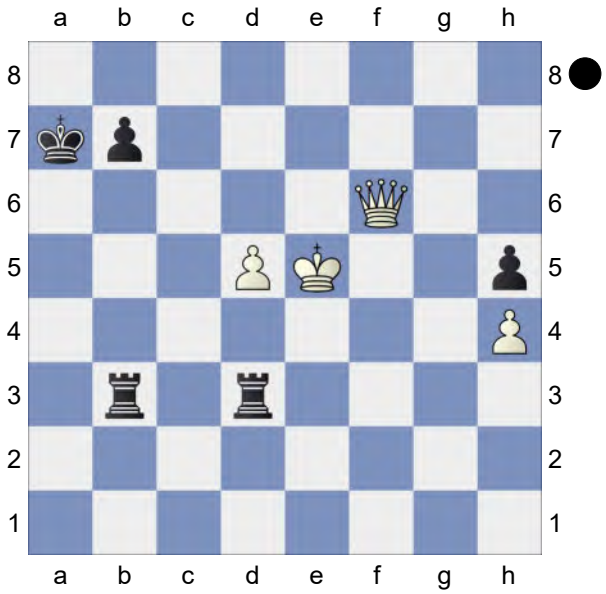
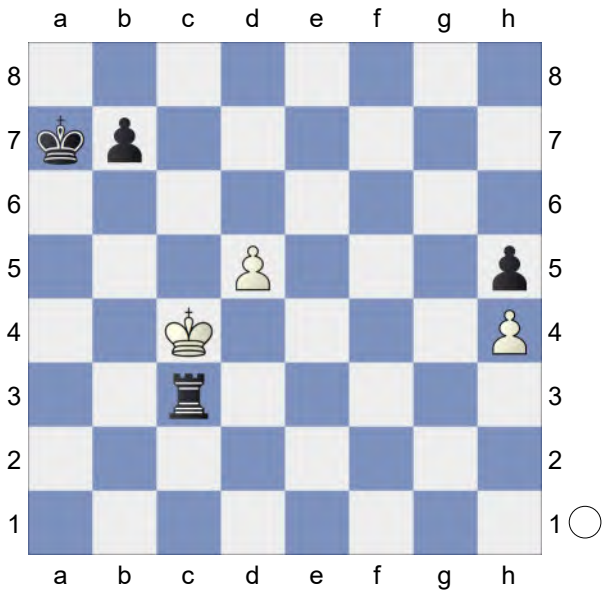
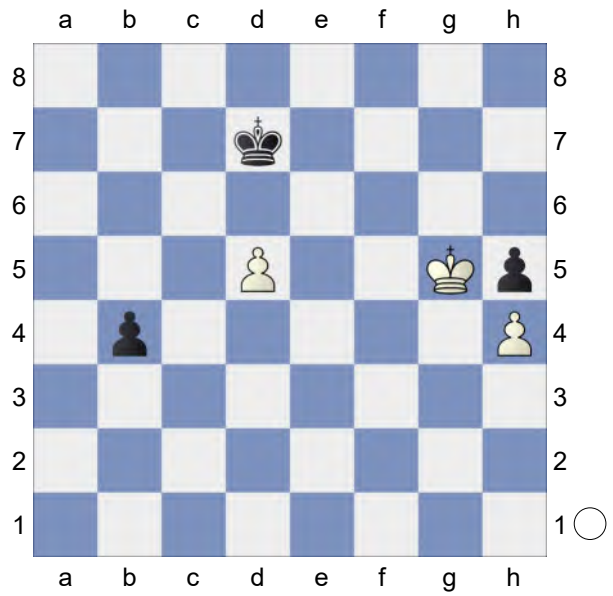


Active counter play! **52...Re3+** 0.00/21
[52...Rb5!∓ -1.44/21 53.Qf2+ b6]
53.Kd4 Rbd3+ 54.Kc4 Rc3+ Deflection **55.Qxc3 Rxc3+**



56.Kxc3 KPP-KPP **56...Kb6** and ...Kc5 should not be overlooked **57.Kd4**
[57.Kc4!?]
57...Kc7! 58.Ke5 Kd7 59.Kf5 b5
[59...Kd6!? 60.Ke4□ b5=]
60.Kg5? -#16/20
[60.Ke4= 0.00/48]
60...b4

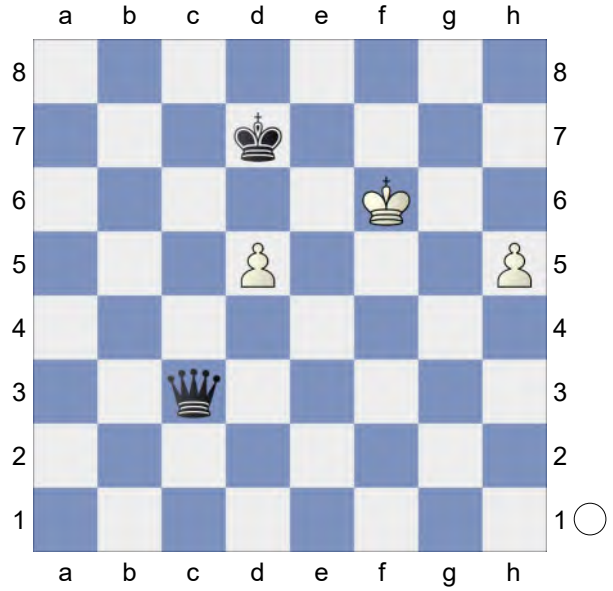
(Diagram)



(-> …b3) **61.Kxh5-+** KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **61...b3 62.Kg6 b2 63.h5 b1Q+**

[Stronger than 63...b1B+ 64.Kf6=]

64.Kg7 Qc2 65.Kf6 Qc3+



66.Kf5 Qc5 67.Ke5 Qd6+ 68.Ke4 Ke7 69.Kf5 Qh6 70.Kg4 Qd6

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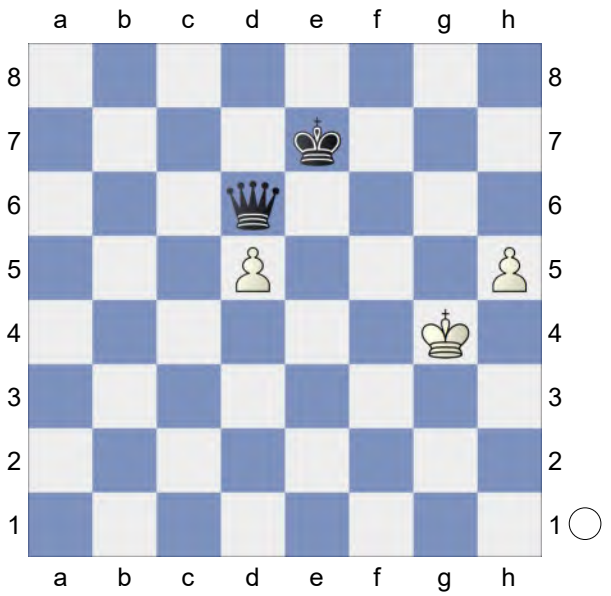
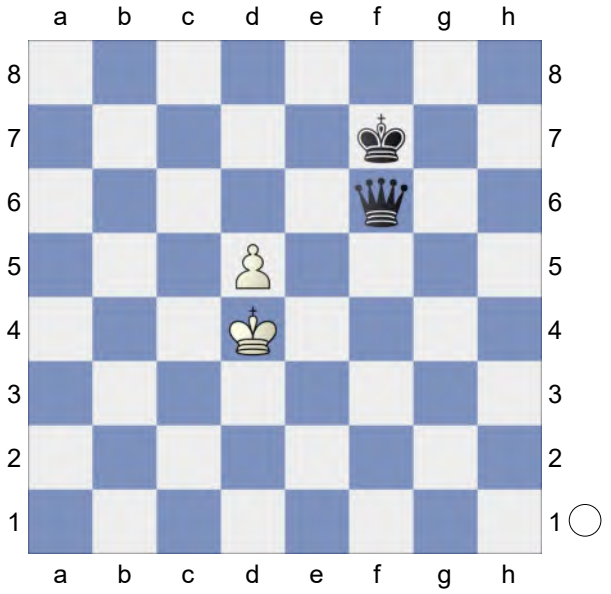


71.Kf5 Kf7 72.Ke4 Qh6 73.Kf5 Qxh5+ 74.Ke4 Qh6 75.Kd4 Qf6+



76.Kc5 Qe7+ 77.Kc6

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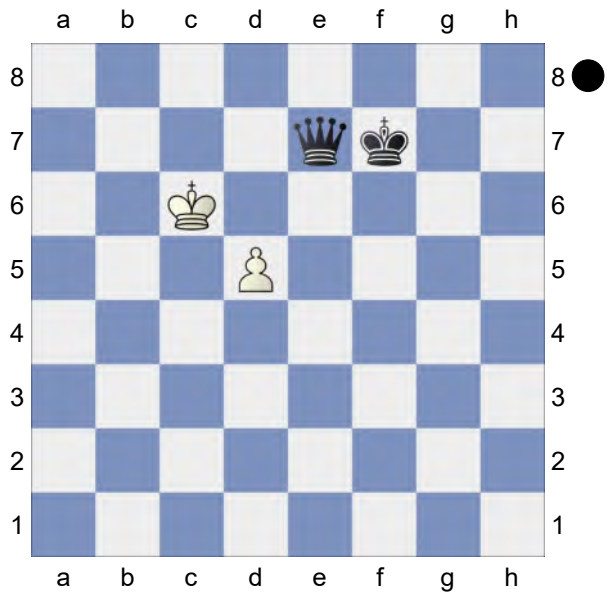
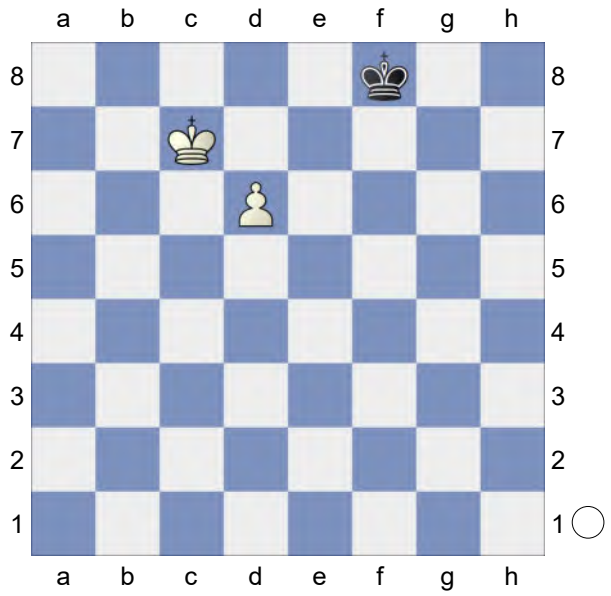
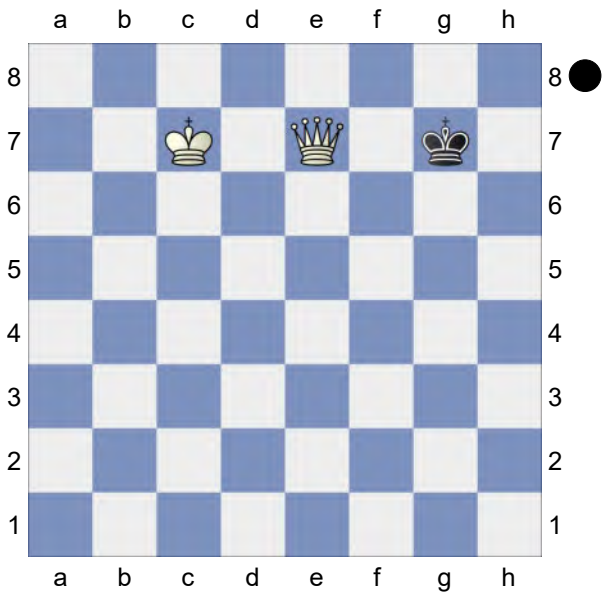


Qd7+?? #22/18 **78.Kxd7** White mates.
78...Kf8 79.d6 Kf7 80.Kc7 Kf8



81.d7 Kf7 82.d8Q Kg7 White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.58
83.Qe7+

(Diagram)



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39 **B20**
□ **Popmilan95** **2759**
■ **Toomanymanoevres** **2907**
Blitz 27.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm

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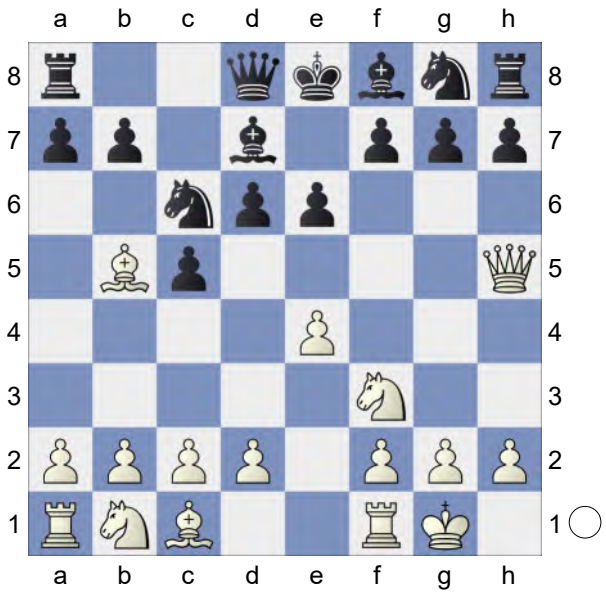
3.Nf3N

[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

3...Nc6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.0-0 e6



6.d3 Be7 7.Nc3 -0.87/18

[7.Bxc6∓ -0.31/21 Bxc6 8.Nc3]

7...Nf6∓ 8.Qh3 Black is better. **8...0-0** -0.33/19

[8...e5!∓ -0.84/20 9.Bxc6 bxc6]

9.Bg5 a6 10.Bxc6 Bxc6

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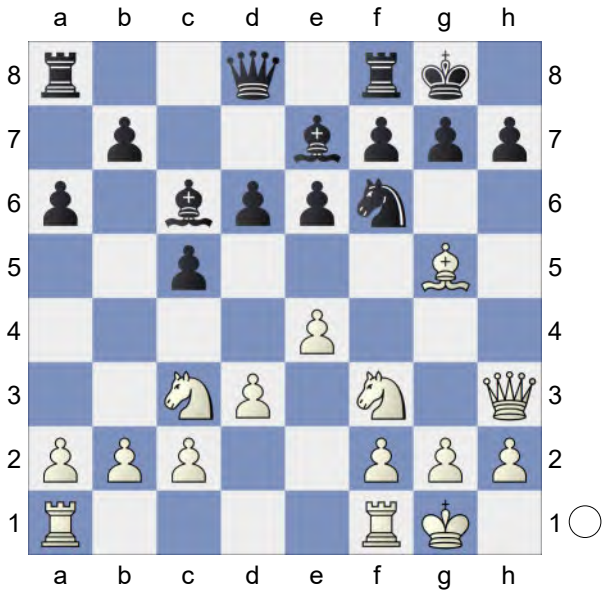
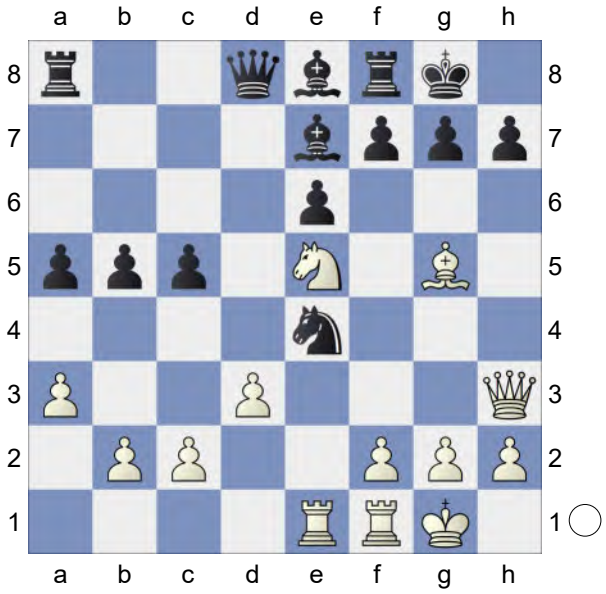


11.Rae1 b5 12.a3 a5 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Be8 15.Ne4 Nxe4



16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rxe4 f6 18.Nf3 e5 19.Rfe1 Bc6 20.R4e3 Qd7

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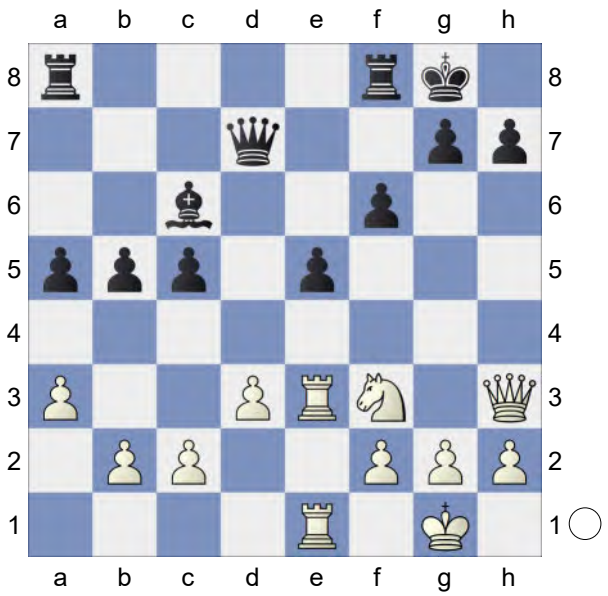
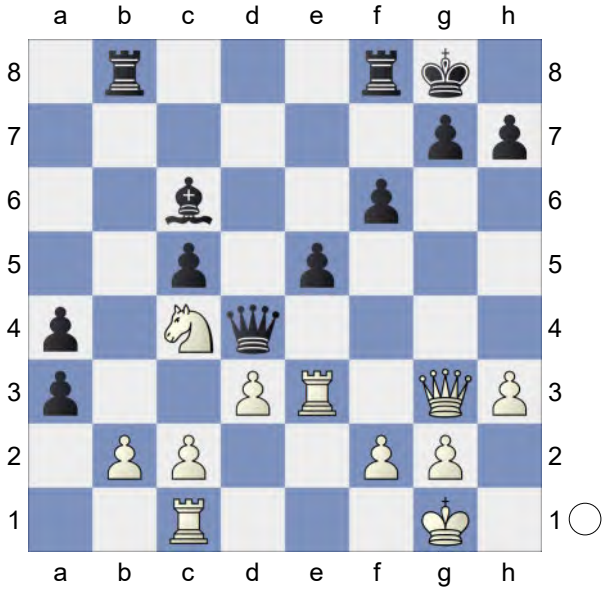
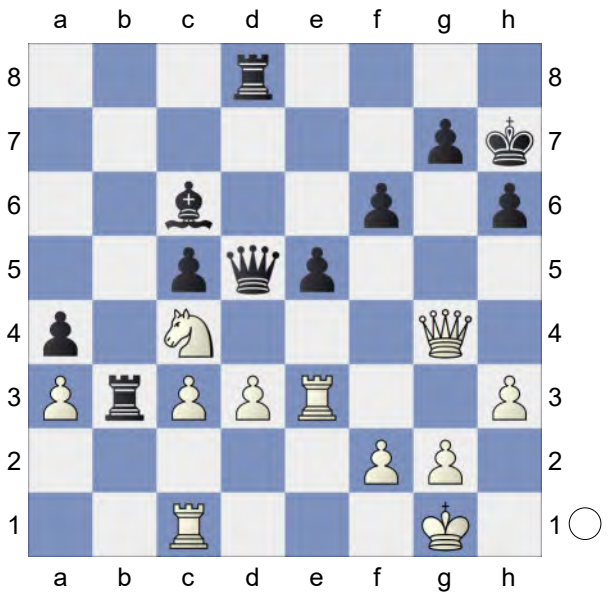


21.Qg3 b4 22.Nd2 Qd4 23.Nc4 a4 24.Rc1 Rab8 25.h3 bxa3 -0.42/21
[25...Bd5∓ -1.04/22 26.c3 Qf4 27.cxb4 cxb4]



26.bxa3∓ Rfd8 27.c3 -0.91/21
[27.Ree1= -0.21/19]
27...Qd5 28.Rd1 -1.24/17
[28.Rf1∓ -0.66/19]
28...Rb3∓ 29.Rc1 h6 30.Qg4 Kh7 -0.41/19
[30...Be8∓ -1.09/21 31.Rg3 Qd7]



31.Qf5+ -1.63/19
[White should play 31.Rg3!∓ -0.41/19 Rg8 32.f4]
31...Kh8!-+ 32.f3 -2.29/21
[32.Rg3 -1.63/21 is a better defense.]
32...Qd7 -1.16/20
[32...Bd7-+ -2.29/21 33.Qg6 Be6]
33.Qh5 -2.52/21
[33.Qxd7∓ -1.16/20 only move. Bxd7 *(33...Rxd7? 34.Na5∓)* 34.Nd6]
33...Bd5 34.Nd2 -3.52/19
[⌓34.Qh4 -2.21/16]
34...Rxa3 35.Qh4 Ra2

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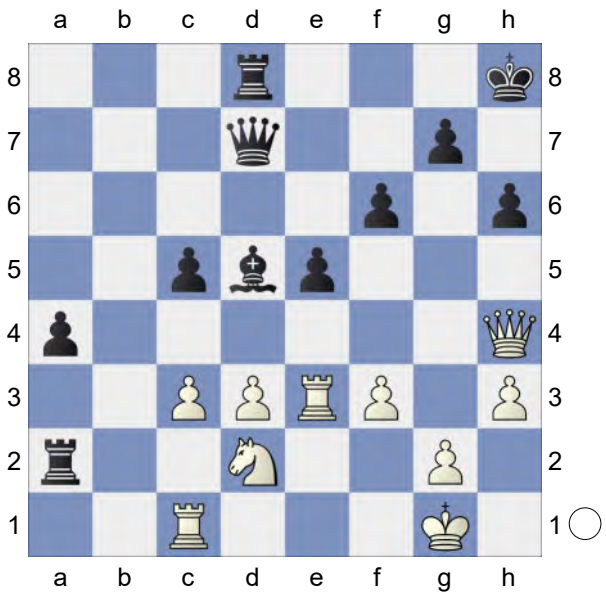
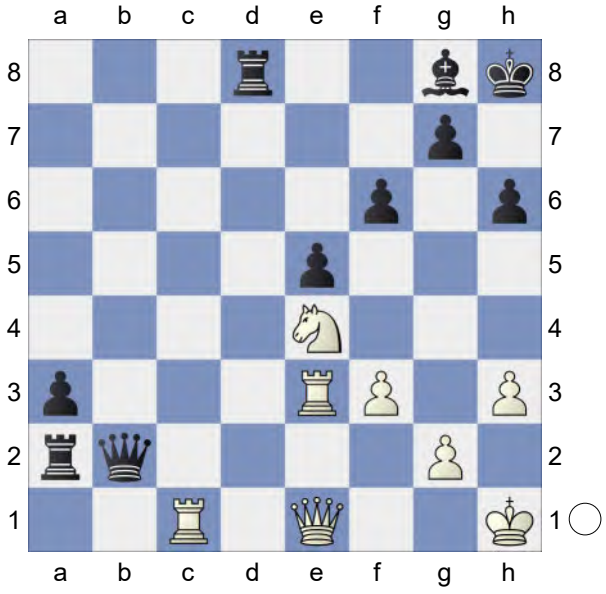


36.Qe1 a3 37.d4 Bg8
[37...exd4 38.cxd4 Bg8 *(38...cxd4? 39.Re7-+)* 39.d5-+]
38.Ne4 cxd4 39.cxd4 Qxd4 40.Kh1 Qb2



41.Qg1 f5? -1.51/17
[41...Qd4-+ -4.47/18 42.Qe1 Qb2]
42.Nc3∓ f4 43.Rxe5 -4.98/27
[43.Re2? Qxe2 44.Nxe2 Rxe2-+]
[43.Re4∓ -1.36/22 is more resistant.]

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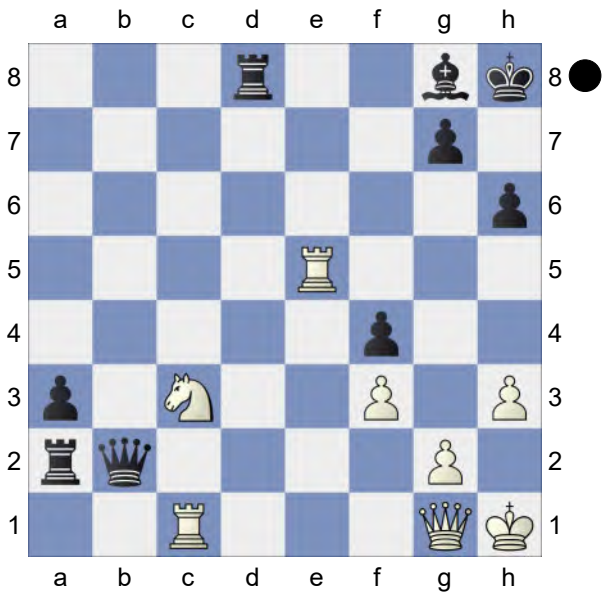
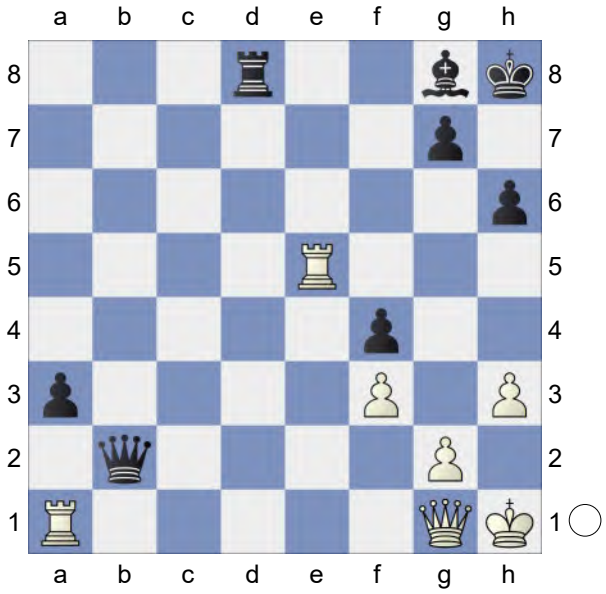


43...Qd2? 0.01/26 **44.Nxa2= Qxa2 45.Ra1 Qb2**



46.Ra5 a2 47.Qc1 -1.09/23
[47.Qe1= -0.13/20 remains equal.]

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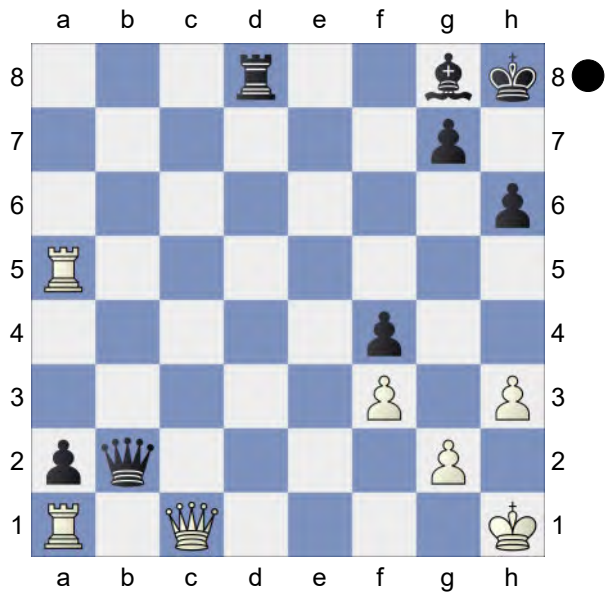
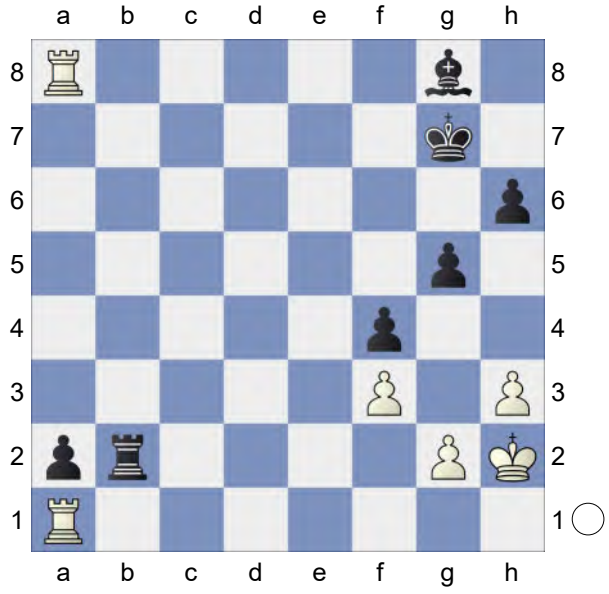
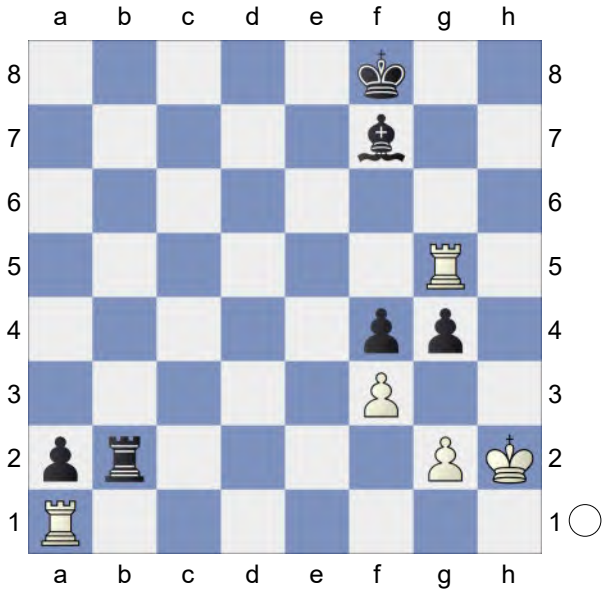


47...Rb8 0.00/25
[47...Qxc1+!∓ -1.09/23 48.Rxc1 Rb8]
48.Qxb2 Rxb2 Endgame KRR-KRB
49.Kh2 g5 50.Ra8 Kg7



51.Ra6 Bf7 52.Ra7 h5 53.Ra5 g4 54.hxg4
[54.fxg4? loses. h4 55.Rf1 Rb1 56.Rxf4 a1Q *(56...a1B 57.Ra7±; 56...a1R 57.Rxa1 Rxa1 58.g5=)* 57.Rxa1 Rxa1-+]
54...hxg4
[54...Rb1 simplifies 55.R5xa2 Bxa2 56.Rxa2 hxg4 57.Ra4 gxf3 58.gxf3 Kf6]
55.Rg5+ Kf8



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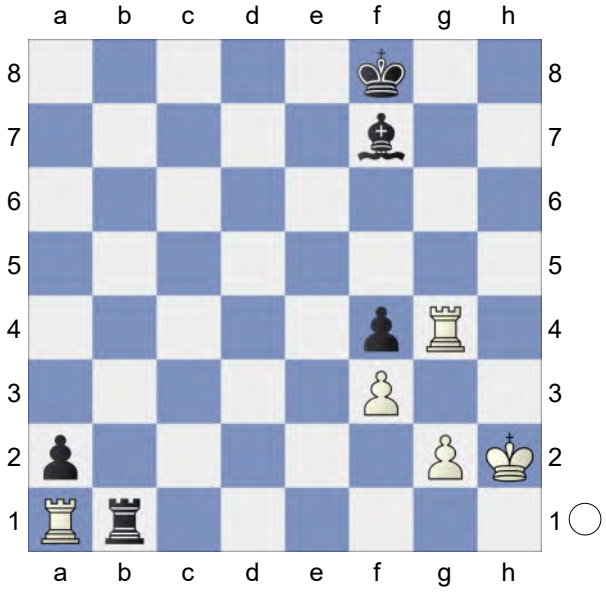

57.Rxa2 Bxa2 58.Rxf4+ KRB-KR
58...Bf7 59.Kg3 Rb6 60.Rh4 Rg6+

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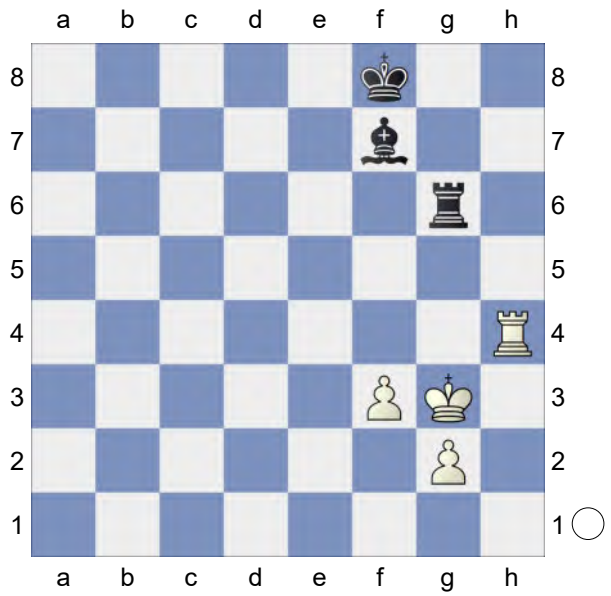
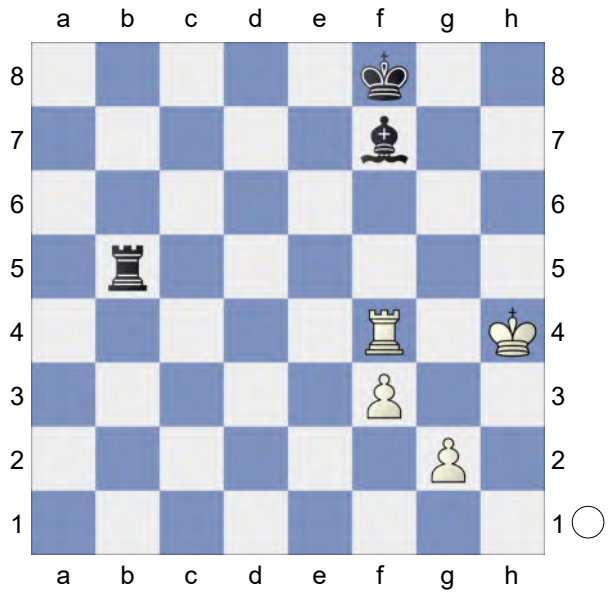


61.Rg4 Rb6 62.Rh4 Rb7 63.Rg4 Rb4? 8.39/26 **64.Rf4?** 0.00/31
[64.Rxb4+- 8.39/26 Be6 65.Kf4]
64...Rb2 65.Kh4 Rb5



66.g4 Rb6 67.Kg3 Rb2 68.Rf5 Rb1 69.Rf4 Rh1 70.Kf2 Rg1? 13.33/20

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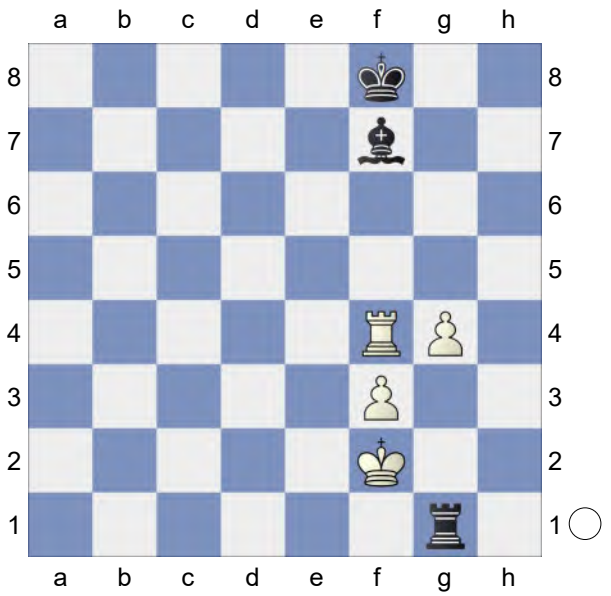
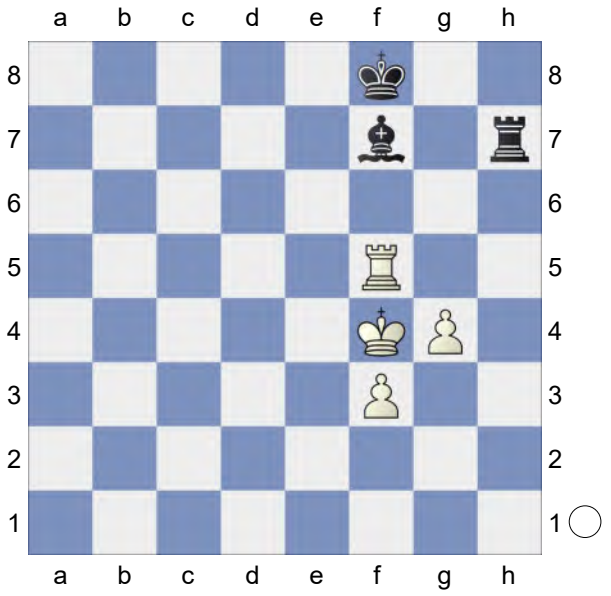
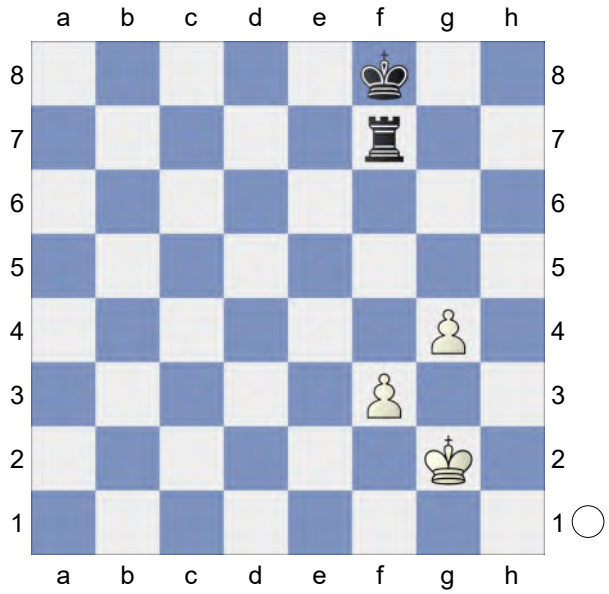


71.Rf5? 0.01/24
[71.Rxf7++- 13.33/20 Kxf7 72.Kxg1]
71...Rh1 72.Rf4 Rh2+ 73.Ke3 Rh4 74.Rf5 Rh5? 18.95/22 **75.Kf4?** 0.01/24
[75.gxh5+- 18.95/22 Kg7 76.Rxf7+ Kxf7 77.f4 Ke6 78.h6 Kf6 79.f5 *(79.h7 Kg7 80.Ke4 Kxh7 81.Kf5 Kg8 82.Kg6 Kf8 83.Kf6 Ke8)* 79...Kf7 80.Ke4]
75...Rh7

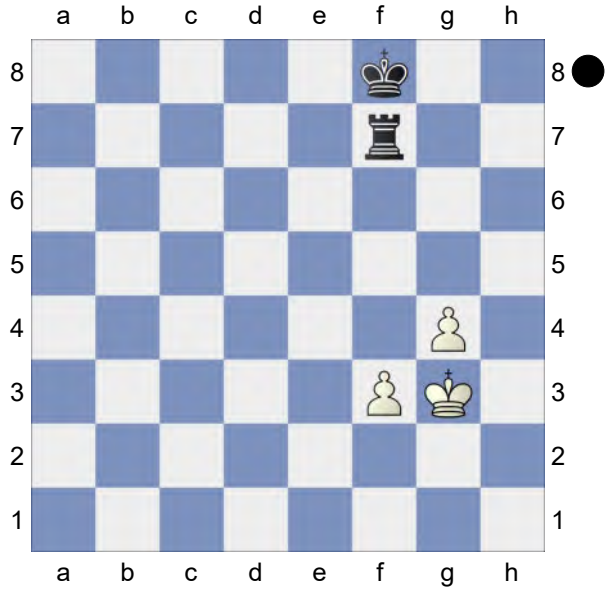


76.Rxf7+? -12.20/29
[76.g5!= 0.01/21]
76...Rxf7+-+ 77.Kg3 Rg7 78.Kg2 Rf7

79.Kg3 Rg7 80.Kg2 Rf7



Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.33
81.Kg3!

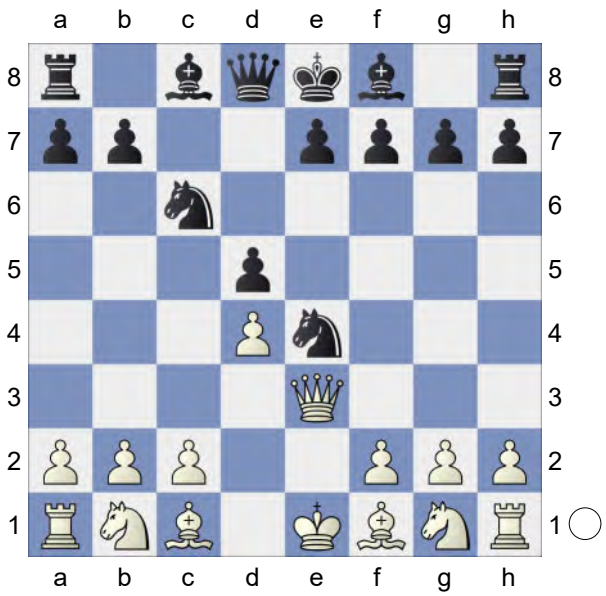


An unexpected result.
½-½

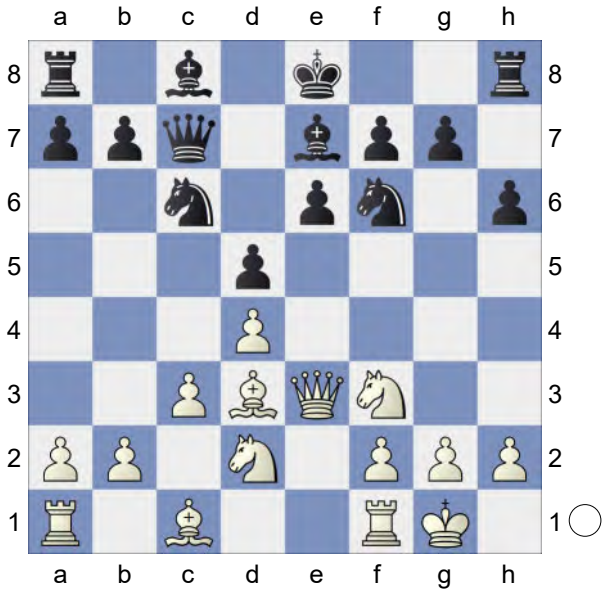
40 **B20**
□ **Dybamo** **2747**
■ **Testviking** **2684**
Blitz 19.03.2020
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.d4N
[5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]
5...Nc6

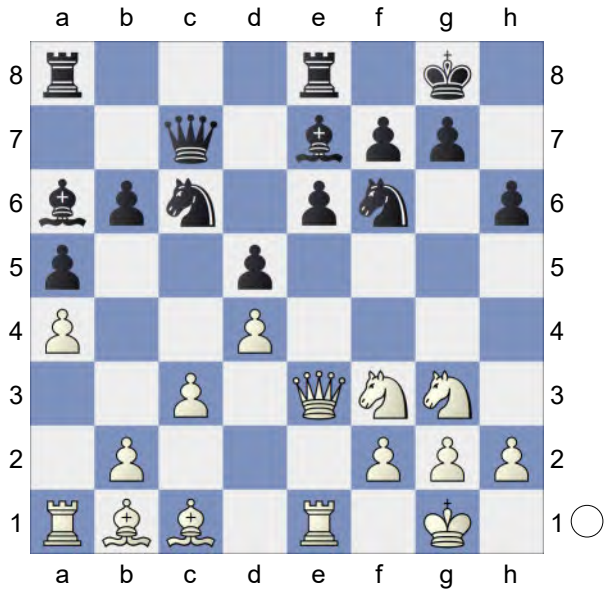
(Diagram)



6.Nf3 e6
[6...e5 is more complex. 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.Nxe5 0-0]
7.Bd3 Nf6 0.22/22
[⌓7...f5 -0.19/19]
8.c3= The position is equal. **8...h6** 0.71/23
[8...Bd6= 0.00/21]
9.0-0 0.35/21
[9.Ne5± 0.71/23]
9...Be7 0.93/21
[9...Bd6± 0.35/21]
10.Nbd2 Qc7

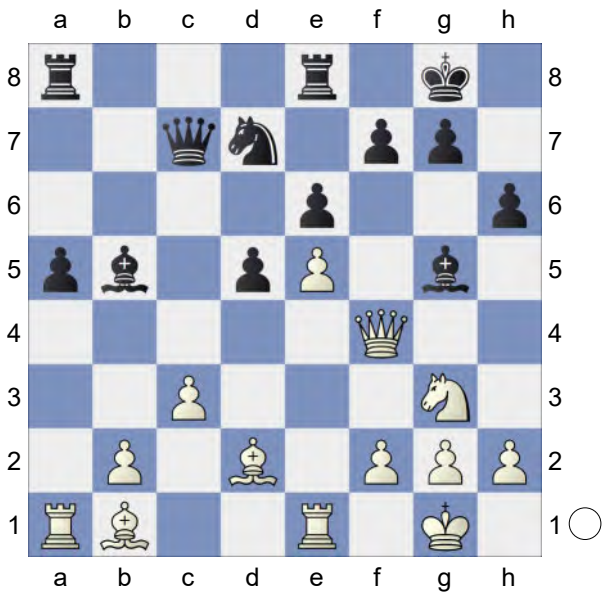


11.Re1! 0-0 12.Nf1 b6 13.Ng3 a5 0.87/23
[13...Bd6± 0.47/23]
14.a4 0.33/23
[14.Qe2!± 0.87/23]
14...Ba6± 15.Bb1 Rfe8

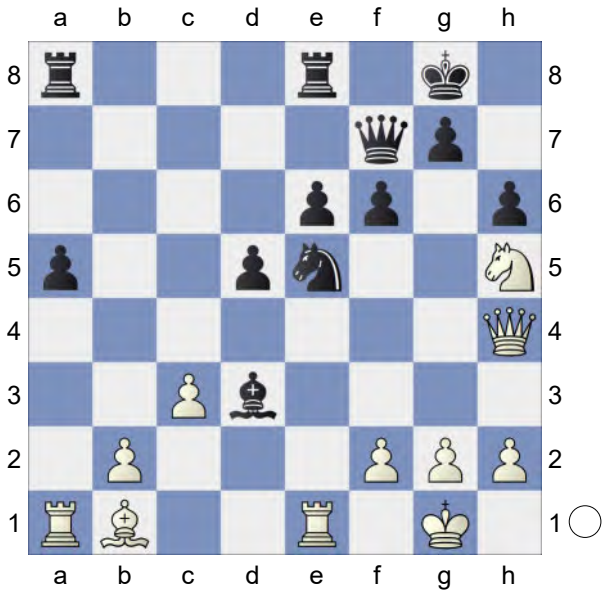


16.Bd2 -0.18/22
[Better is 16.Ne5± 0.43/22]
16...b5 0.41/22
[16...Ng4= -0.18/22 17.Qf4 Qxf4 18.Bxf4 Nf6]
17.axb5 Bxb5 18.Ne5! Nxe5 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Qf4? -0.65/22
[20.Nh5± 1.06/21 Strongly threatening Nxg7!. Bf8 21.b4]
20...Bg5∓

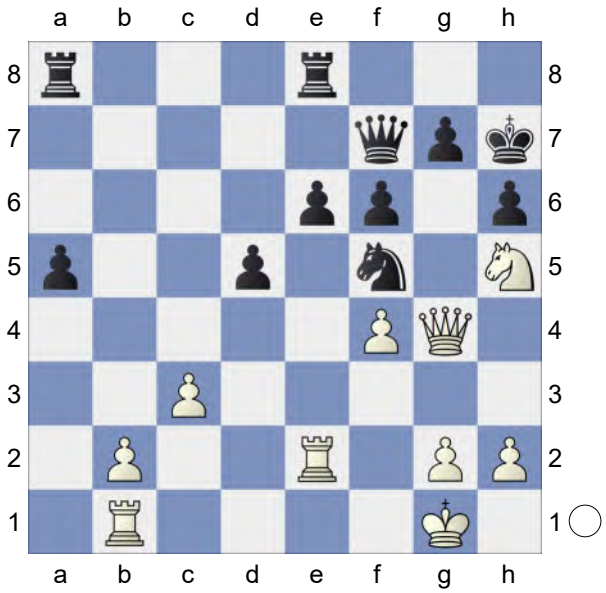
(Diagram)



21.Qd4 Bxd2 22.Qxd2 Nxe5 23.Qf4 Against Ng4 **23...f6↑** White is under pressure. **24.Nh5 Qf7** 0.16/22
[24...Re7∓ -0.47/20]
25.Qh4? -1.57/21
[25.Rxe5!= 0.16/22 Bd7 *(25...fxe5 26.Bh7+ Kf8 27.Qxe5=)* 26.Nxf6+ Qxf6 27.Qg3]
25...Bd3 -0.83/21
[⌓25...Reb8 -1.57/21 26.b4 Be8]



26.f4 -1.74/22
[26.Bxd3∓ -0.83/21 Nxd3 27.Re3 Nxb2 28.Rg3]
26...Ng6 -1.36/20
[26...Bxb1-+ -1.74/22 27.fxe5 Bf5]
27.Qg3 -1.77/20
[27.Qf2∓ -1.36/20 Bxb1 28.Raxb1]
27...Bxb1-+ 28.Raxb1 Kh7 29.Re2 -2.10/23
[29.Qf2 -1.66/19]
29...Ne7 30.Qg4 Nf5



31.Rbe1 g6 32.Ng3 Ng7 33.Qf3 a4 34.h4 -1.91/21
[34.c4∓ -1.27/19]
34...h5 -0.98/20
[34...Rec8-+ -1.91/21 35.f5 gxf5 *(35...Nxf5 36.Nxf5 gxf5 37.Rxe6±)* 36.Rxe6 Remove Defender, Decoy Nxe6 37.Qxf5+ Qg6 38.Rxe6 Qxf5 39.Nxf5 Kg6]
35.Re3 -2.29/19
[35.c4∓ -0.98/20 was called for.]
35...Rab8

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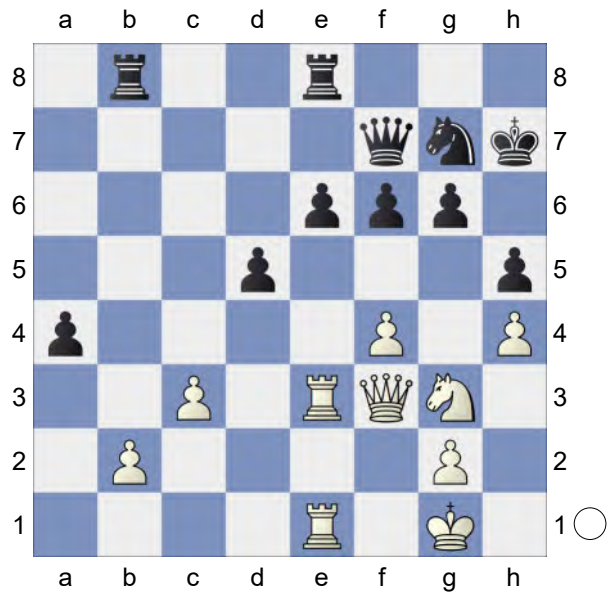

36.Qe2 Qc7 37.Qf2 Qb6 -1.30/21
[37...Qc6-+ -2.17/21 38.R3e2 Rb3]
38.R1e2 -2.59/21
[38.Ra1∓ -1.30/21 was the only defense.]
38...d4? -0.27/20
[Black should play 38...Rec8-+ -2.59/21 39.Kh1 Kh8]
39.cxd4= Qxd4 40.Kh2 -1.03/20
[40.Re4= -0.11/24 remains equal. Qxf2+ 41.Kxf2]
40...Red8 -0.27/23
[40...f5∓ -1.03/20 Strongly threatening ...Rb4. 41.Rc2 Qf6]

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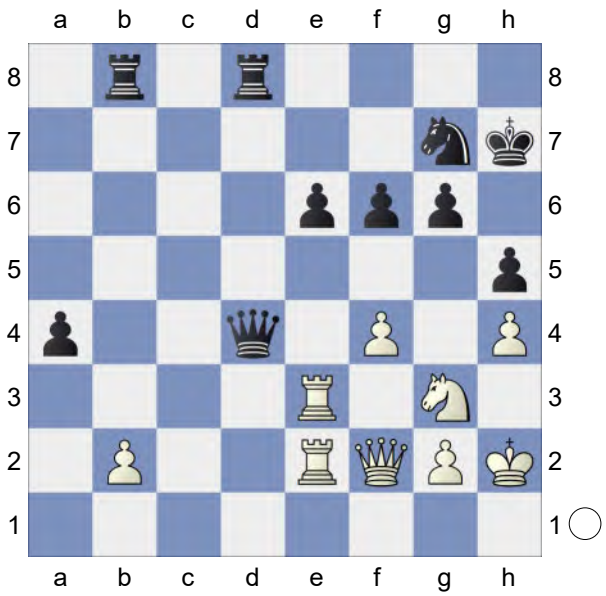
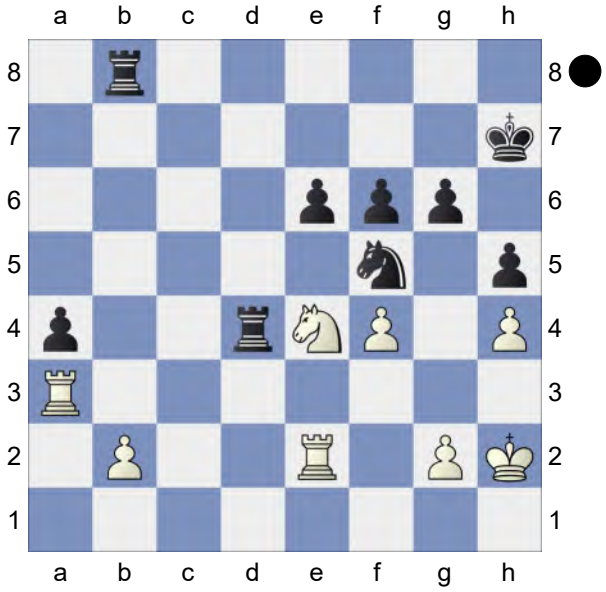


41.Ne4 Nf5 42.Ra3 -2.50/21
[42.Rc3∓ -0.52/20]
42...Qxf2-+ 43.Rxf2 Rd4
[43...Nxh4 44.Rxa4 Rf8 45.Ra6=]
44.Re2



Kg7 -0.18/22
[44...Nxh4 45.Nxf6+ Kh6 46.g3∓]
[44...Rbb4!-+ -2.50/22 45.Nxf6+ Kg7 46.Rxe6 Rxf4 *(46...Nxh4 47.Ra6∓)*]
45.Rc3= Rbb4
[45...Nxh4 46.g3]

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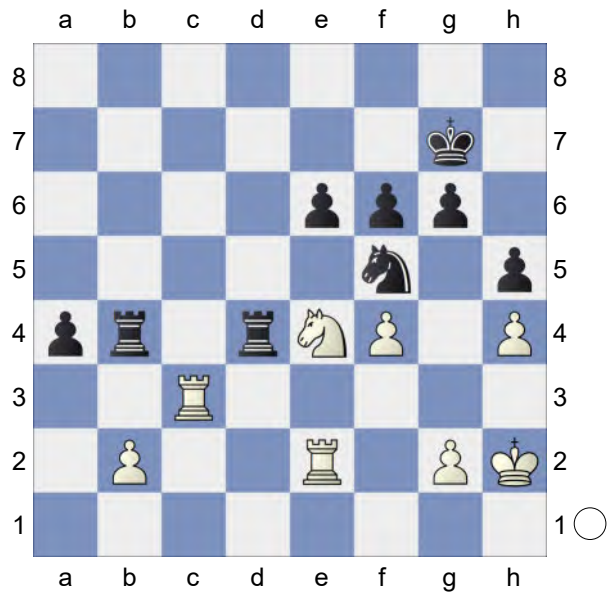
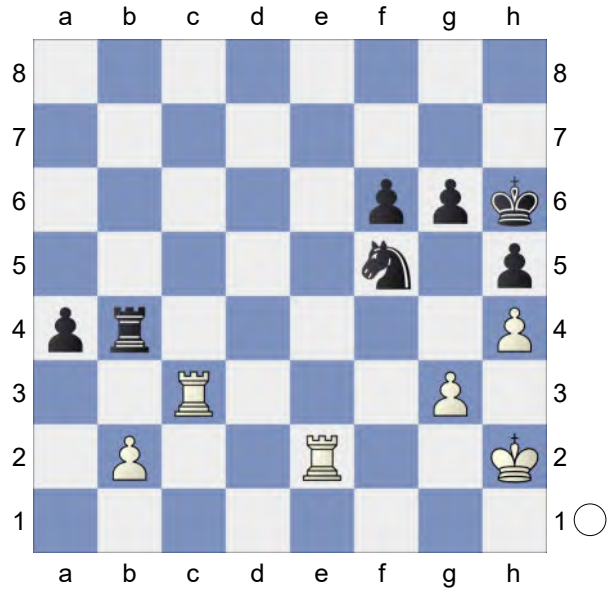


46.Nc5 -0.59/25
[46.Rc7+= 0.00/27 Kf8 47.Nxf6]
46...Rxf4? 2.12/25
[46...Nxh4? is the wrong capture. 47.Nxe6+ Kh6 48.Nxd4 Rxd4 49.g3±]
[46...Rdc4∓ -0.59/25 47.Nxe6+ Kg8]
47.Nxe6++- Kh6 48.Nxf4 Rxf4± Endgame KRR-KRN **49.g3 Rb4**



50.Rc8 1.18/24
[50.Re6!+- 2.35/21]
50...Nd4
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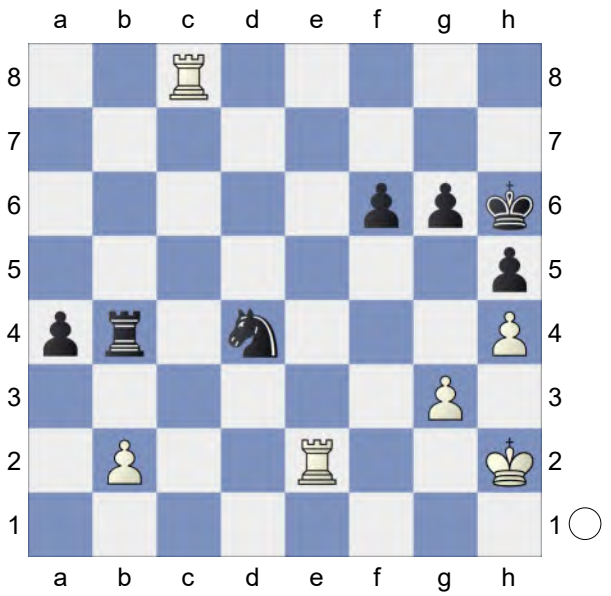
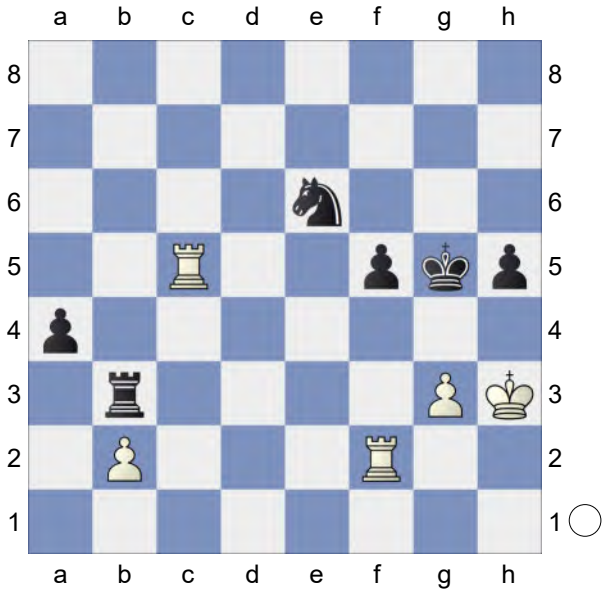


51.Rf2 f5 2.82/25
[51...Nf5± 0.66/21]
52.Rc7 1.35/20
[52.Kh3+- 2.82/25 and White stays clearly on top.]
52...g5 2.86/25 Prevents Rf4
[52...f4± 1.35/20]
53.hxg5+ Kxg5 54.Kh3 Rb3 55.Rc5? 0.00/23
[55.Rc3+- 3.23/23]
55...Ne6? 8.83/19
[55...a3= 0.00/23 56.bxa3 h4]



56.Rcxf5++- Kg6 57.Rf6+ Kg5
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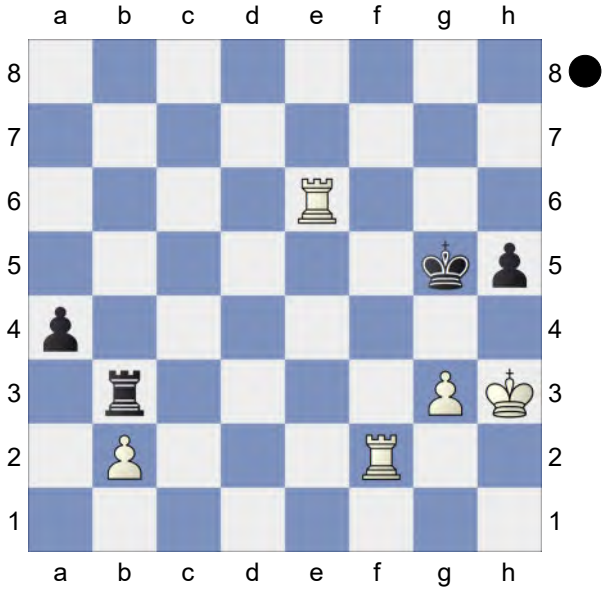
58.Rxe6 11.65/22
[⌓58.R2f5# #1/17]



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41 **B20**
□ **Razyeb V Wepki** **2738**
■ **Robert Oppenheimer** **2578**
Blitz 07.11.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Qh4 e6 5.d3 Be7

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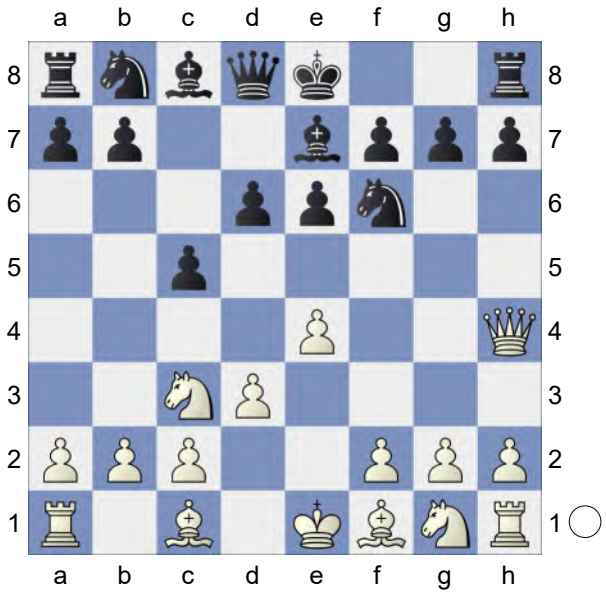
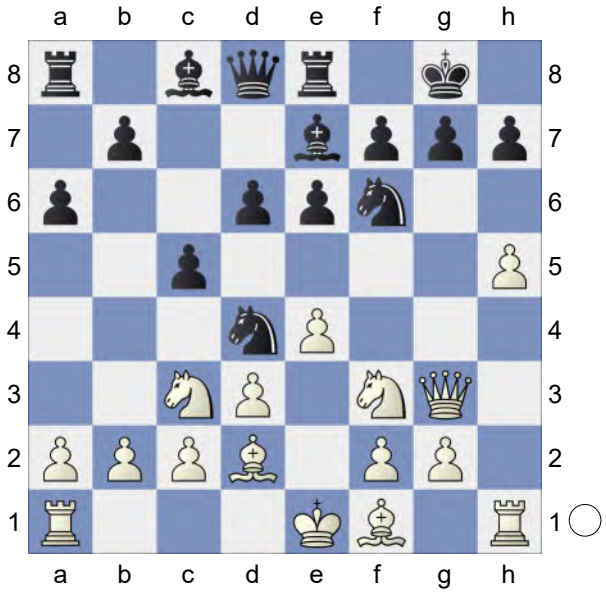


6.Bd2 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.Qg3 Re8 9.h4 Nc6 10.h5 Nd4



11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Bh6 Bf8 13.Bxg7 Ng4 14.Qxg4 e5 15.Qg3

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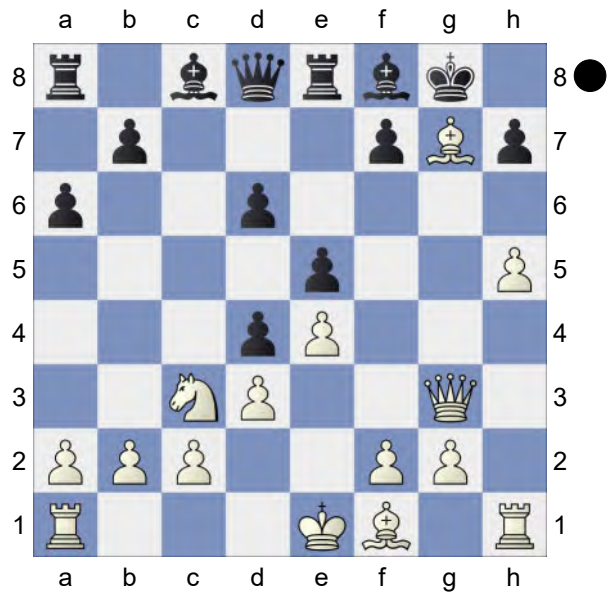

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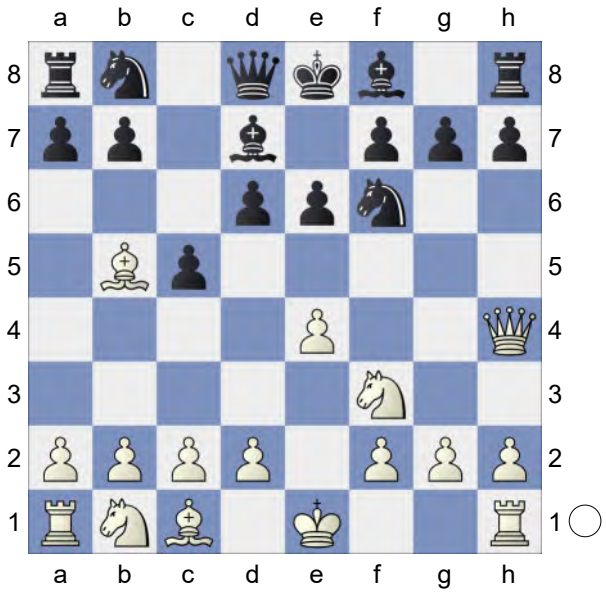
42 **B20**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2735**
■ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2731**
Champions Showdown Blitz (23.5)
[Tactical Analysis 7.0]

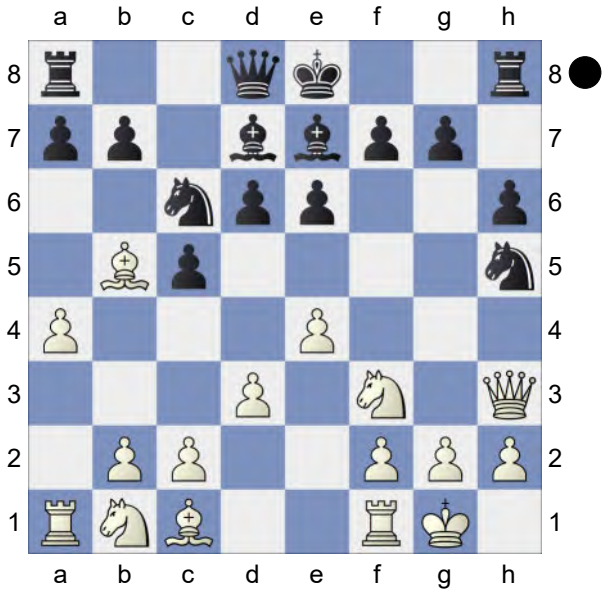
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4
[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
3...d6
[3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 *(6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)*)* 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+N
[5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 Bc4 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5...Bd7



6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 Black is slightly better. **8...h6** 0.04/19
[8...0-0∓ -0.48/20]
9.Qg3? -1.85/20
[9.e5= 0.04/19 and White stays safe. Nxe5 *(9...dxe5 10.Bxc6 Bxc6*

11.Nxe5=) 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Qg3]

9...Nh5-+ 10.Qh3



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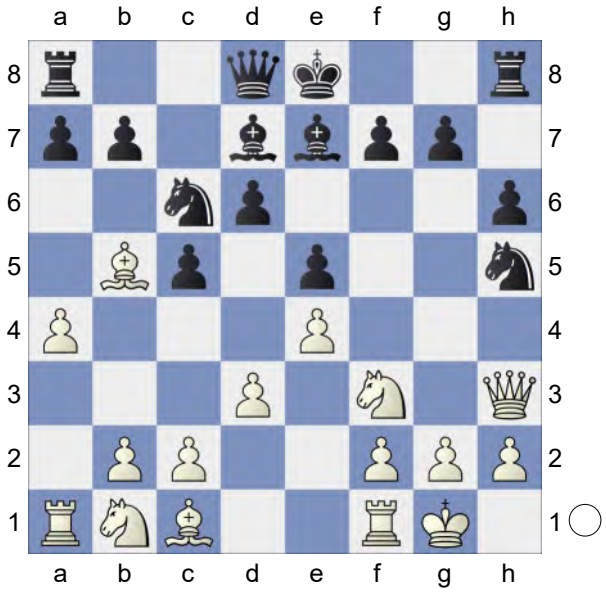
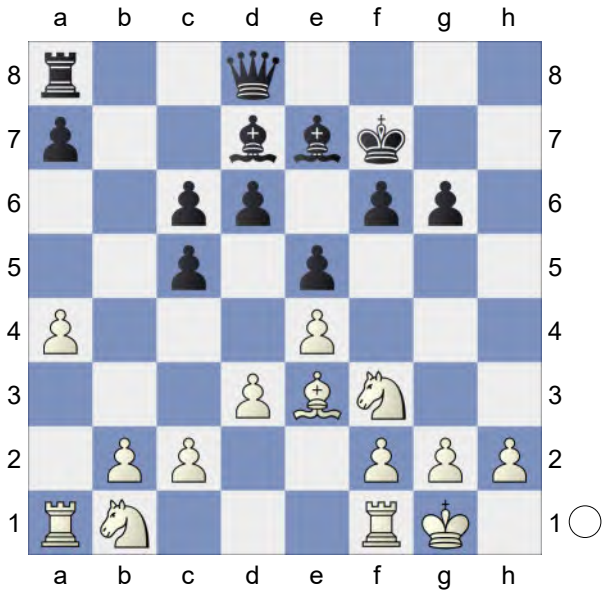


11.Bxc6? -2.98/18

[11.Qxh5∓ -1.35/18 was necessary. g6 12.Qxh6 Rxh6 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Bxh6]

11...bxc6 12.Qxh5 And now Nfd2 would win. **12...g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7**

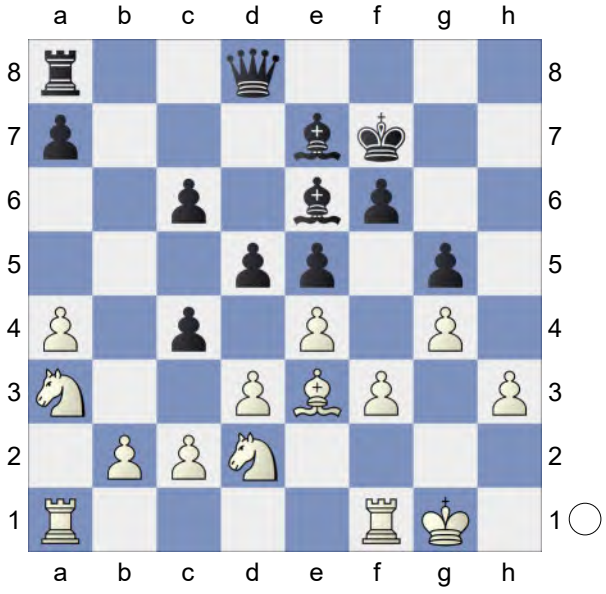
(Diagram)



Black has strong compensation. **16.Na3** -2.34/17

[⌓16.h3 -1.73/17]

16...Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 d5 20.f3 c4



21.dxc4 d4 -1.33/18

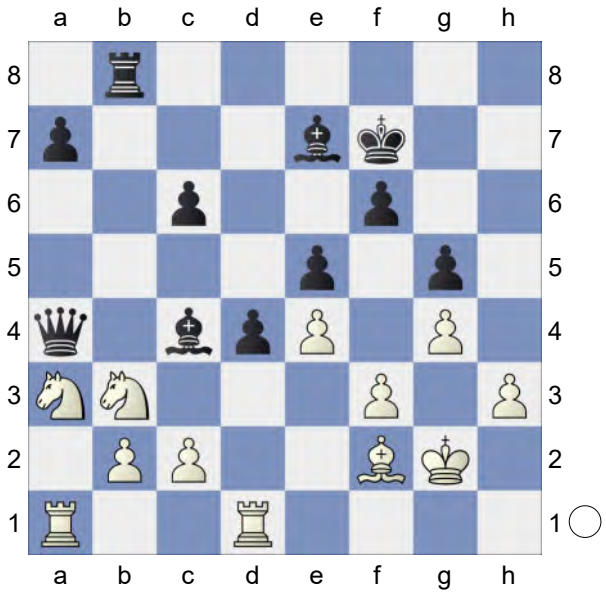
[21...Rb8-+ -1.95/18 Strongly threatening ...d4. 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.exd5 Bxd5 *(23...Qxd5 24.Nac4-+)*]

22.Bf2∓ Qa5 Black is more active.

23.Rfd1 -2.71/17

[23.Nab1∓ -1.12/17]

23...Rb8-+ 24.Nb3 Qxa4 25.Kg2 Bxc4



26.Nd2 Be2
[26...Bxa3 27.b3 Bxb3 28.Rdb1-+]
27.Re1 Bb5 -1.52/19
[27...Rxb2-+ -3.03/22 28.Nac4 Ra2 *(28...Qxc2? 29.Rxe2 Rb4 30.Ree1-+)* 29.Rxa2 Qxa2 30.Rxe2 Bb4 *(30...Qxc2? 31.h4∓)*]
28.Nxb5 -3.33/22
[28.b3∓ -1.52/19 Qb4 29.Ndc4]
28...Qxb5 -1.36/17
[28...Qxc2-+ -3.33/22 is more deadly. 29.Nxa7 Qxd2]
29.b3∓ a5 -1.80/19
[29...Ra8∓ -1.36/21 30.Nc4 a5]
30.Nc4-+

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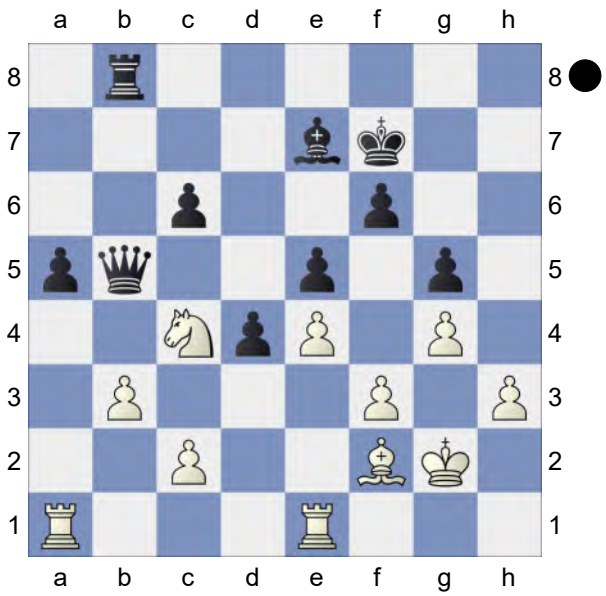
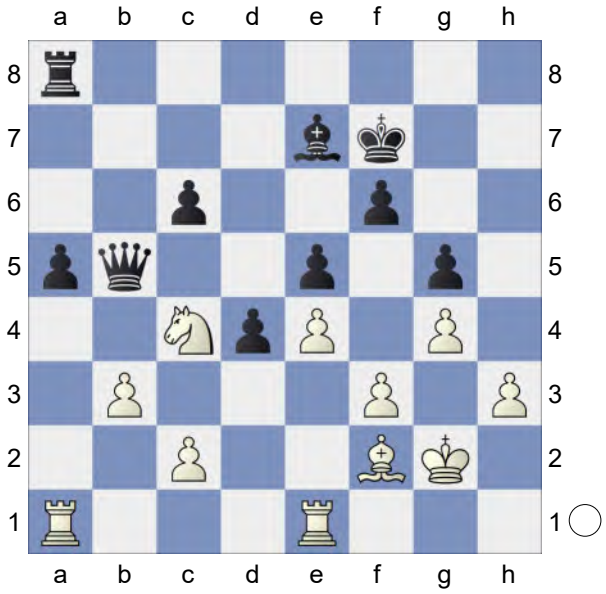


Ra8↑



Black is really pushing. **31.Ra4**

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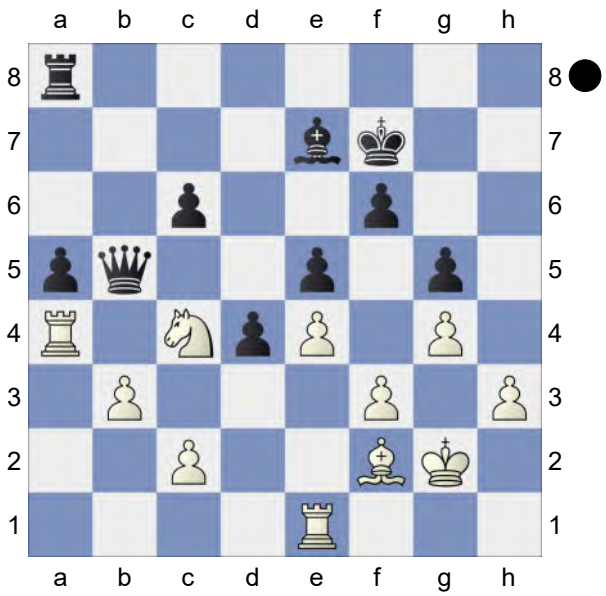


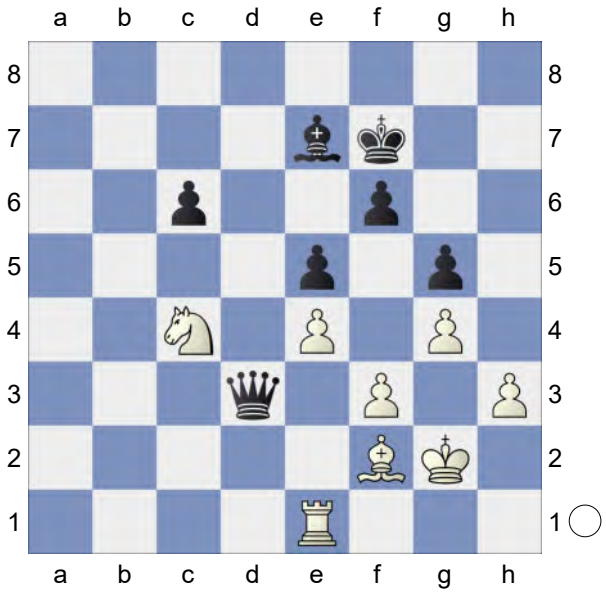
d3! Deflection **32.cxd3 Qxb3 33.Rxa5** -2.47/20

[33.Rea1 -1.61/17]

33...Rxa5 34.Nxa5 Qc3

[Weaker is 34...Qxd3 35.Nxc6 Bd6 36.Ra1∓]

35.Nc4 Qxd3

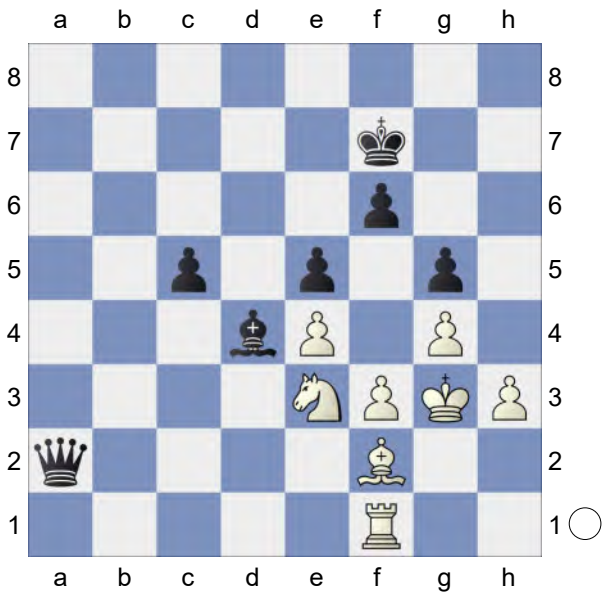


36.Ne3 -4.53/22

[36.Rc1 -2.47/20 only move.]

36...Bc5 37.Nf1 Qc2 Black is clearly winning. **38.Ne3 Qa2 39.Kg3 Bd4 40.Rf1 c5**

(Diagram)



41.Nd5 Qe2 Repels Be1 **42.Kg2 c4 43.Nb4 c3 44.Na2**

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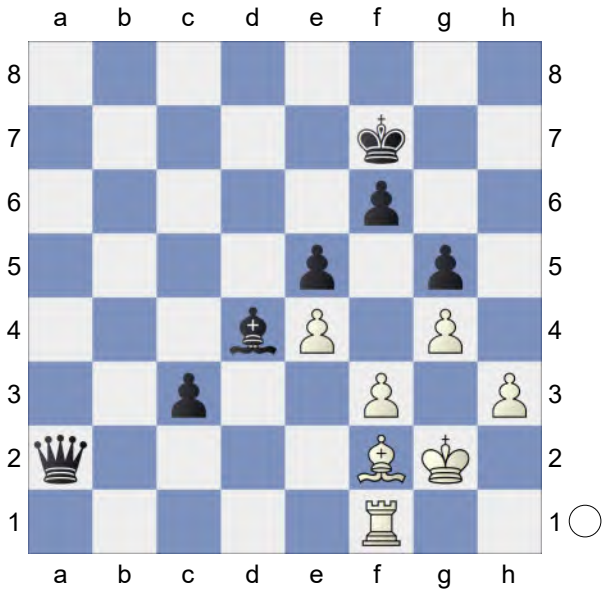
44...Qxa2



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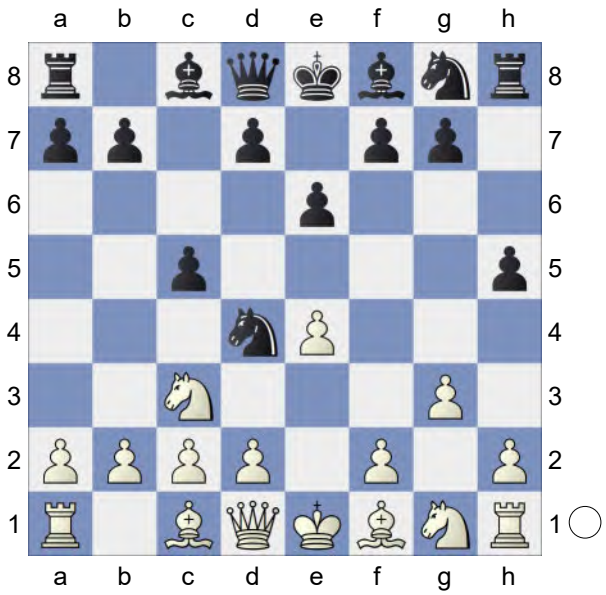
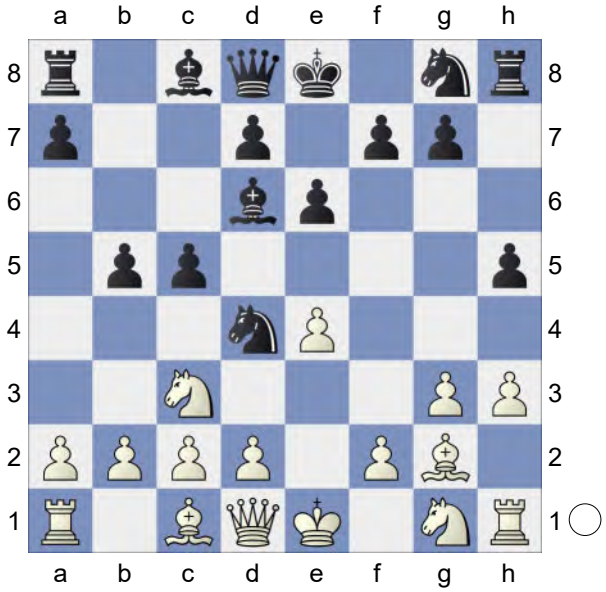
43 **B20**
□ **Sillymaster** **2732**
■ **Ljucifer** **2571**
Blitz 22.05.2021
[Kitty Kat]

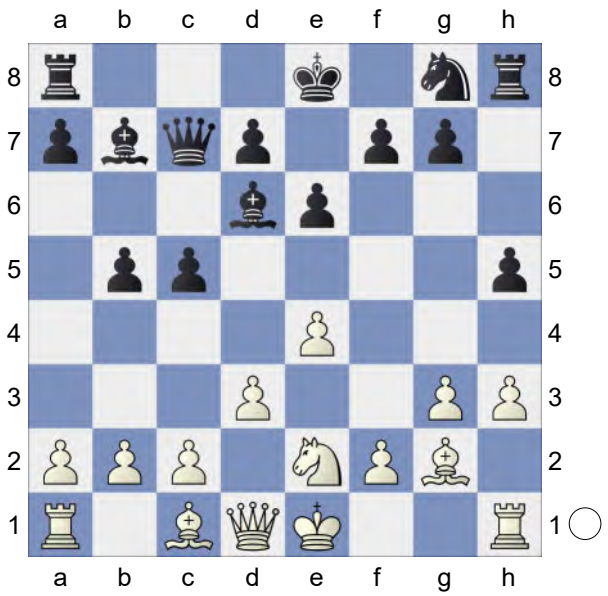
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nc3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nc6 4.g3 Nd4 5.Qd1 h5 0.25/21
[Better is 5...g6 -0.30/22]



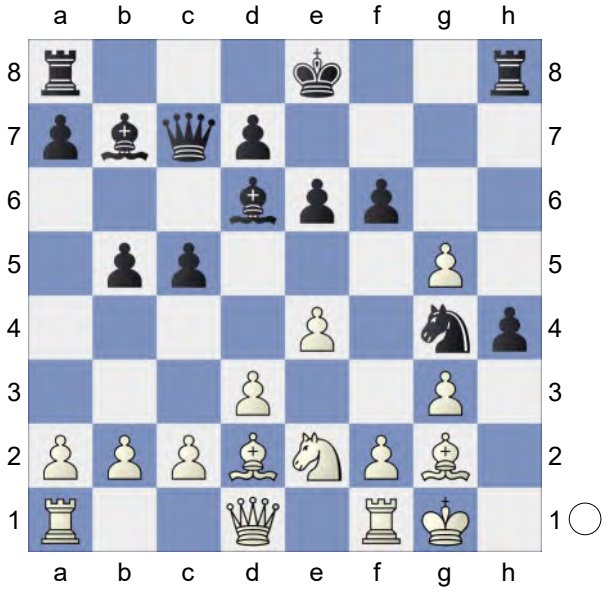
6.h3 -0.13/20
[6.Bg2 0.25/21 is superior.]
6...Bd6 7.Bg2 b5? 2.14/21
[7...Ne7= 0.21/22]



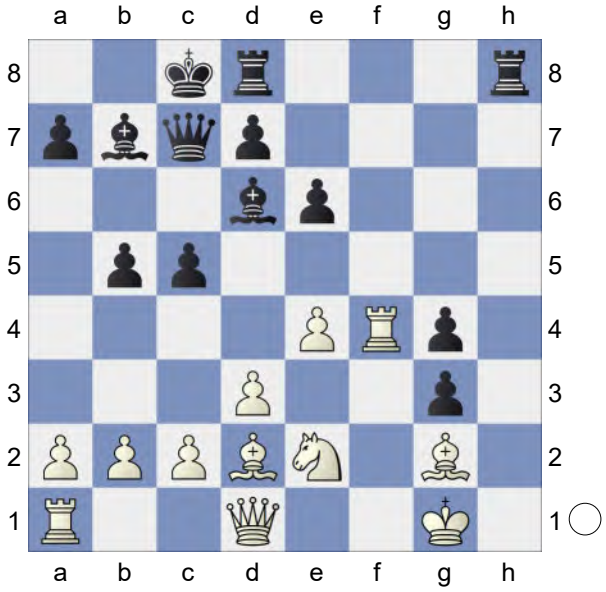
8.d3? 0.15/19
[8.e5!+- 2.14/21]
8...Bb7= 9.Nce2 Nxe2 10.Nxe2 Qc7



11.h4 0.04/18
[11.0-0± 0.49/18]
11...Nf6 12.Bg5 Ng4 13.0-0 f6 14.Bd2 g5 0.50/20 Inhibits Nf4.
15.hxg5± h4? 1.96/18
[15...0-0-0!± 0.45/16]



16.Nf4 0.97/17
[16.Nc3+- 1.96/18 has better winning chances. Nxf2 17.Rxf2 Bxg3 18.Rxf6]
16...Nxf2? 2.77/17 **17.Rxf2+-**
[17.Kxf2?! fxg5 18.Ng6 hxg3+ *(18...Rh6? 19.Bxg5 Rh7 20.gxh4+-)* 19.Ke1 0-0-0+-]
17...hxg3 18.Rf3 fxg5 19.Ne2 g4 20.Rf4 0-0-0 2.11/17
[20...Bxf4 1.70/17 might work better. 21.Bxf4 *(21.Nxf4 Qe5±)* 21...d6]



21.c3 0.92/19 **Bxf4** 1.53/19
[⌓21...Rdg8 0.92/19]
22.Bxf4± d6 23.Bxg3
[Much less strong is 23.Nxg3?! e5±]
23...e5 24.a4 0.68/19
[24.d4± 1.30/18]
24...a6 1.99/18
[24...Qh7!± 0.68/19]
25.axb5+- axb5

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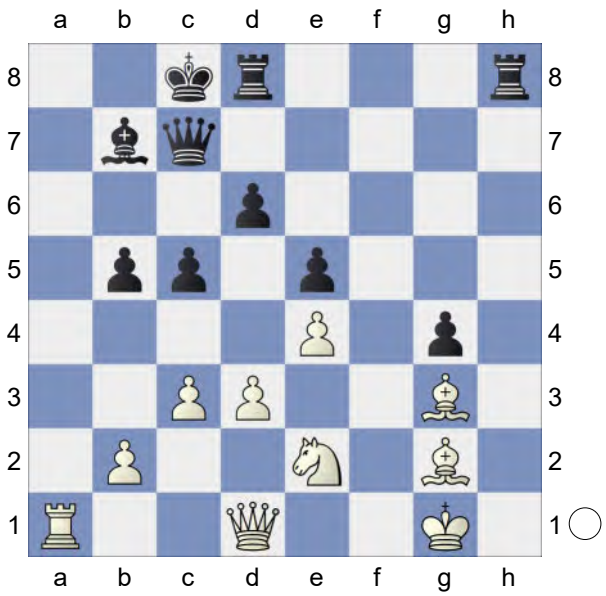
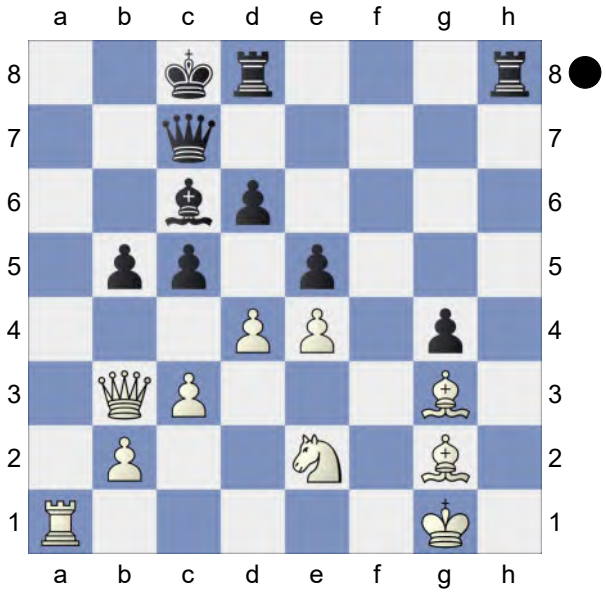


26.Qb3 Bc6 27.d4



c4 2.73/21
[27...Kb7± 1.45/17 28.Rb1 Qe7]
28.Qb4 exd4? 4.18/17
[28...Qb6 2.55/17 29.b3 cxb3 30.Qxb3 Rd7]
29.Nxd4 Qb6 Repels Ra6 **30.Qa5 Kc7**

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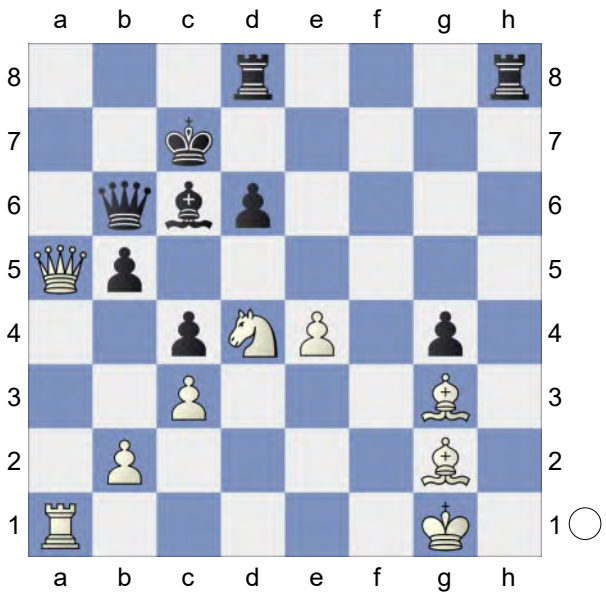
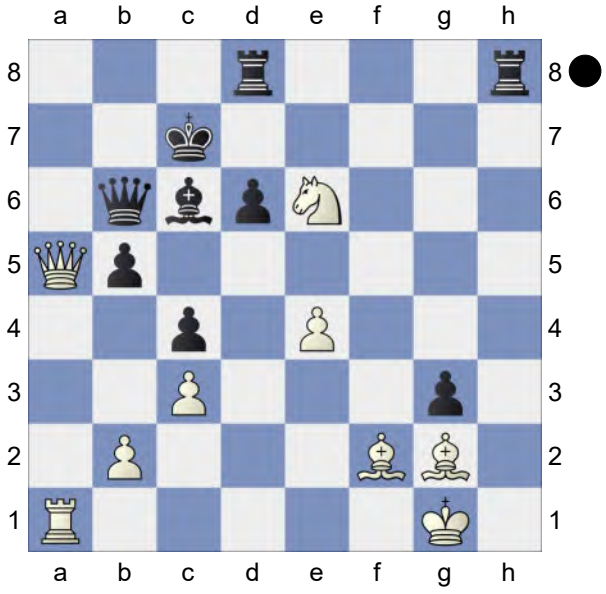


31.Bf2? 0.70/21
[31.Qxb6++- 4.59/19 Kxb6 32.Rd1]
31...g3? 14.75/18
Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.74
32.Ne6+



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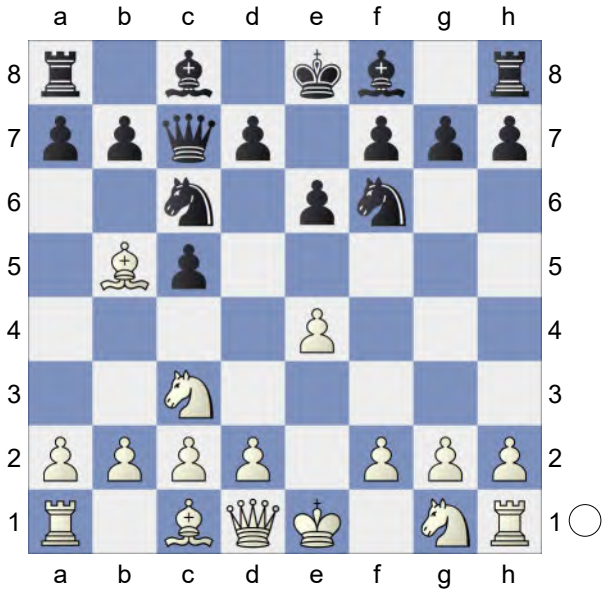
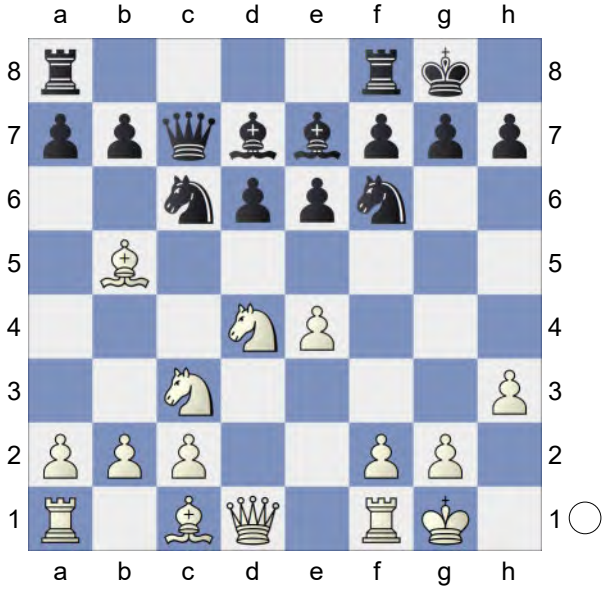
44 **B20**
□ **Alexandr Khlebovich** **2729**
■ **Fermin Ajedrez** **2552**
Blitz 06.06.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nc3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qd1 Qc7



6.Nf3 Be7 -0.31/20
[6...Nd4 -0.69/19]
7.0-0∓ d6 8.d4 Black is slightly better.
8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.h3 Bd7



11.Be3 Rac8 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd3 e5 14.f4 Rfe8 0.63/19
[14...exf4= -0.30/19 15.Rxf4 Be6]
15.fxe5± dxe5

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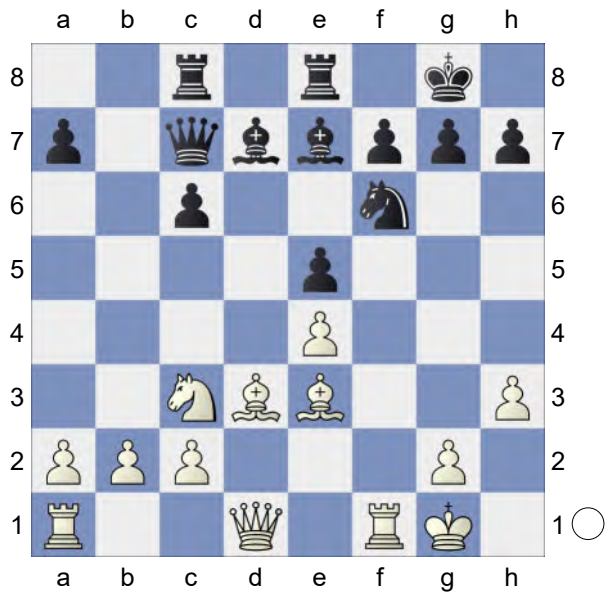
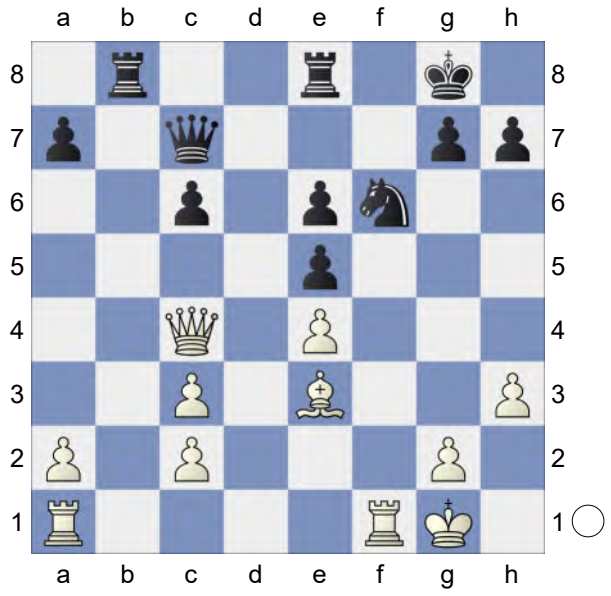
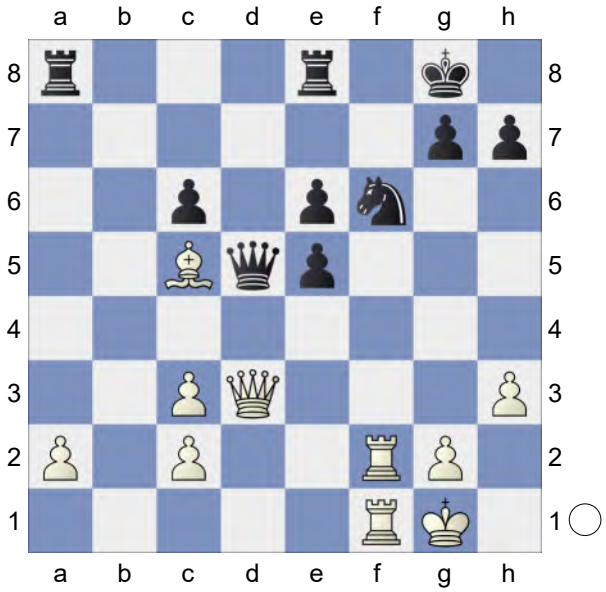


16.Bc4 Be6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.Qe2 Bb4 1.04/19
[18...Qb7± 0.50/23]
19.Qc4 0.43/20
[19.Nd1± 1.04/19]
19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rb8



21.Rf2 White is more active. **21...Qf7** 1.24/20
[21...Qb7± 0.45/23]
22.Raf1 0.40/22
[22.Qxc6?! Qb7 23.Qxb7 Rxb7=]
[Better is 22.Bg5!± 1.24/20]
22...Qg6 23.Bxa7 0.00/21
[23.Rf5± 0.60/23]
23...Ra8= 24.Bc5 -1.33/27
[24.Be3= 0.00/21]
24...Qxe4 -0.19/26
[24...Nxe4∓ -1.33/27 25.a4 Nxf2 26.Rxf2 Qh5]
25.Qd3
[25.Qe2 simplifies Qxe2 26.Rxe2 Rxa2 27.Bd6]
25...Qd5
[25...Rxa2 26.Qxe4 Ra5 27.Qxc6+-]



26.Rxf6? -2.18/22
[26.Be3= -0.16/23 and White has nothing to worry.]
26...Qxd3!-+
[26...Qxc5+ 27.R6f2∓]
27.cxd3 gxf6 28.Rxf6 Rxa2= Endgame KRR-KRB **29.Rf3 Rc2** And now ...Rd8! would win. **30.c4?** -3.39/19
[30.Rg3+∓ -1.58/20 might work better. Kf7 31.Rf3+ Kg6 32.Bd6]
30...Rd2? -0.69/22
[30...Rc1+-+ -3.39/19 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 e4]

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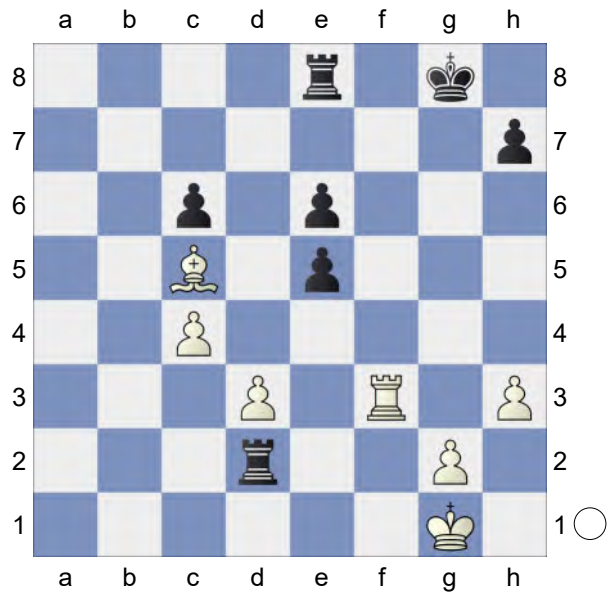

31.Re3? -2.34/22
[31.Rg3+∓ -0.69/22 Kf7 32.Rf3+ Kg7 33.Rg3+ Kh8 34.Bd6]
31...Kf7? -0.45/18
[31...e4-+ -2.34/22 32.d4 Rb8 33.Rxe4 Rb1+ 34.Kh2 Kf7 35.Rf4+ Kg6]
32.Bd6? -3.51/22
[32.Rf3+∓ -0.45/18 Kg6 33.Rg3+ Kf6 34.Rf3+ Kg7 35.Rg3+ Kh8 36.Bd6]
32...Rd8? -1.09/20
[32...Rg8-+ -3.51/22 has better winning chances. 33.Rf3+ Ke8]
33.c5 -2.07/21
[33.Rf3+∓ -1.09/20 was forced. Ke8 34.Bb4 R2xd3 35.Rf8+ Kd7 36.Rf7+ Kc8 37.Kh2]
33...Ra8 -0.60/19
[33...Rg8-+ -2.07/21 34.Rf3+ Ke8]
34.Bxe5? -2.35/24
[Only move: 34.Rf3+∓ -0.60/19 Kg6 35.Rg3+ Kh5 36.Bxe5]

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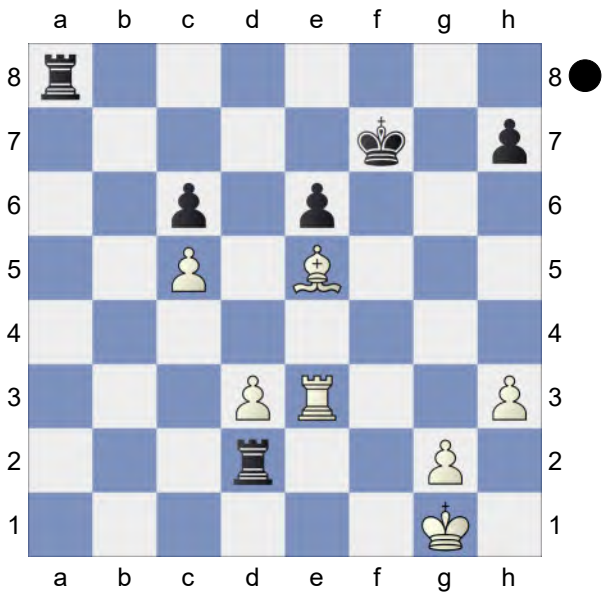
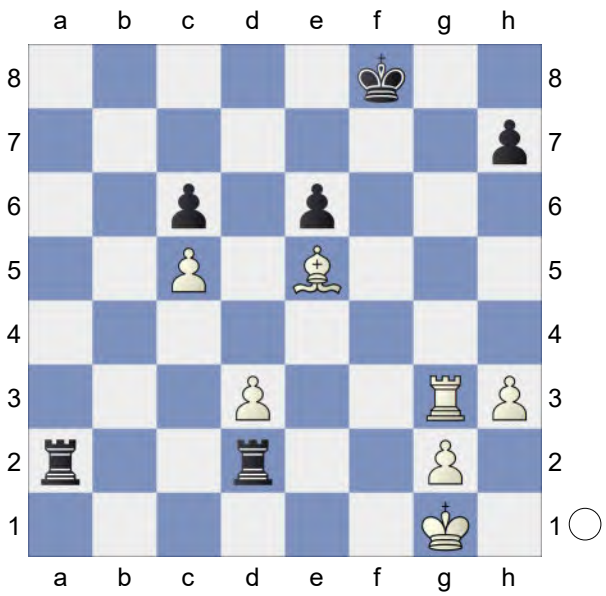


34...Raa2? -0.08/22
[Black should play 34...Rg8!-+ -2.35/24 35.Rf3+ Ke8]
35.Rg3 Kf8



36.d4 h5 37.h4 Ke8 38.Kh2 Kd8 39.Rg8+ Kd7 40.Rg7+ Kc8

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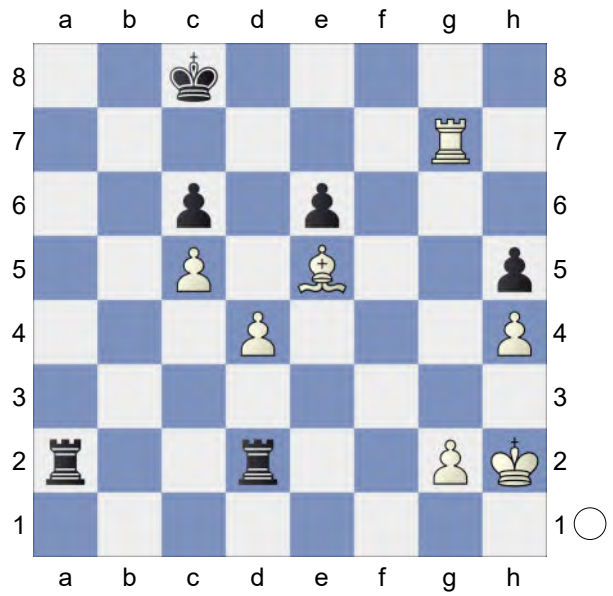
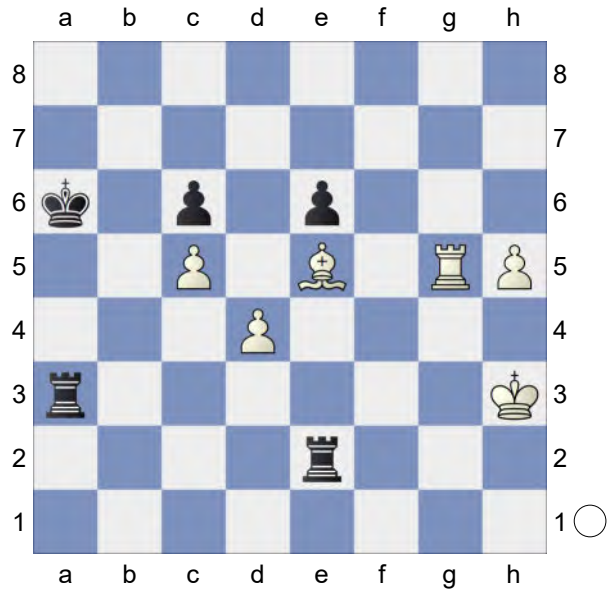


41.Rg5 Kb7 42.Kh3 Ka6 43.Rxh5 Rxg2 44.Rg5 Rge2 45.h5 Ra3+ 0.44/22

[45...Ra1= 0.00/23 deserves consideration.]



46.Kg4? -2.87/24

[46.Kh4± 0.44/22 stays ahead.]

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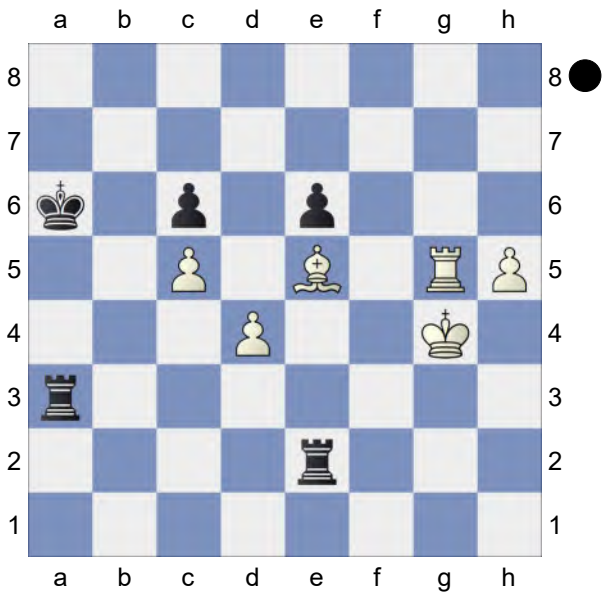


46...Rg2+? 0.70/26

[46...Re4+!-+ -2.87/24 47.Bf4 Rxd4]

47.Kf4 0.00/22

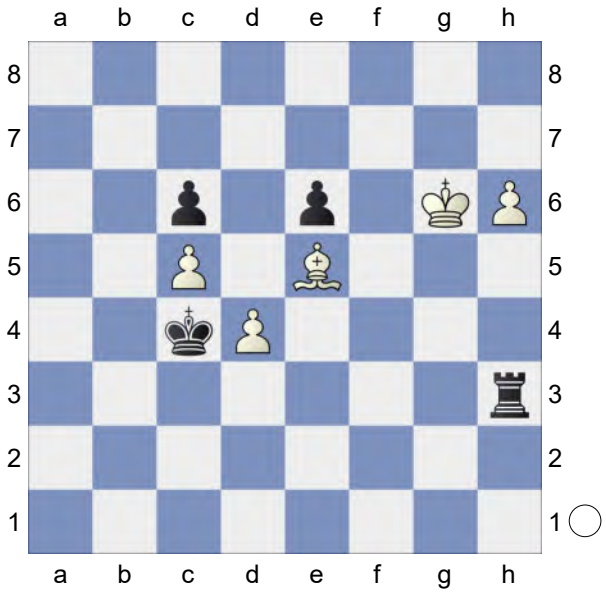
[47.Kh4± 0.70/26 Rf2 48.h6]

47...Rxg5?? 5.59/17

[47...Rf2+= 0.00/22 48.Kg4 Ra1]

48.Kxg5+- White is clearly winning.

48...Rh3 49.h6 Kb5 50.Kg6 Kc4



Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/Black=0.76

51.h7

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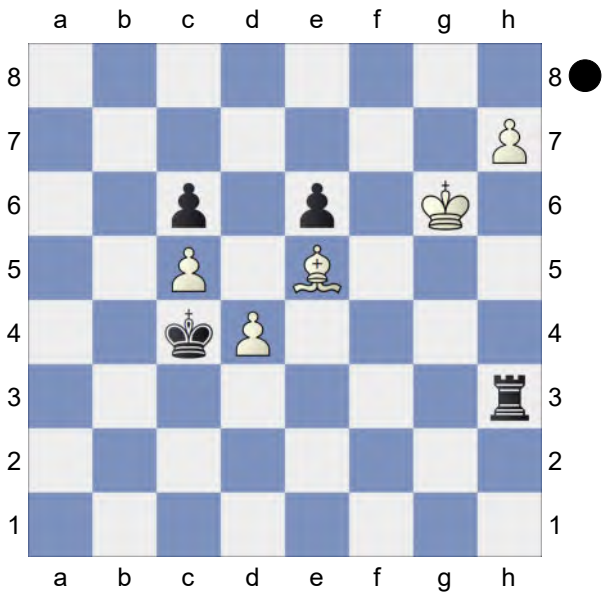

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45 **B20**
□ **Mrdalica** **2726**
■ **Coach Ryan** **2576**
Blitz 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves Evening Mail 8 Mar 1888; GWH 24/3/1888: 'MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves'' Dave Smerdon: 'Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves'' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4**

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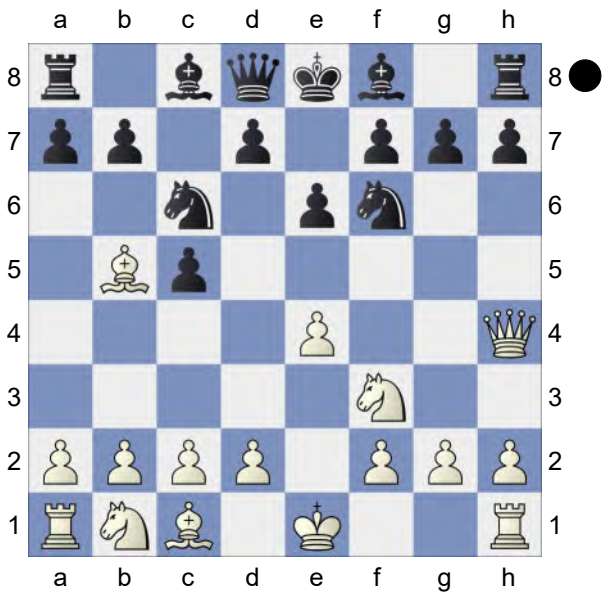
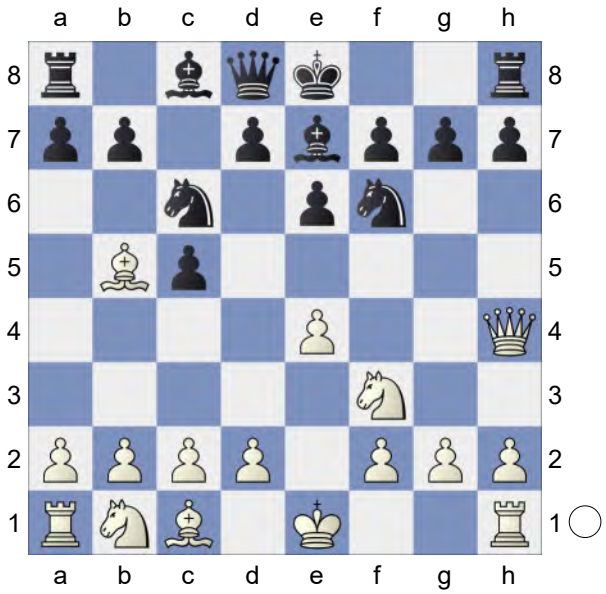


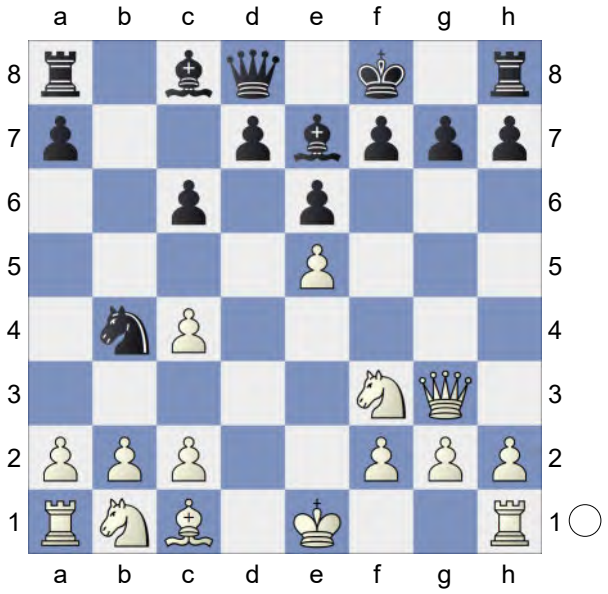
Be7N -0.40/21
[5...Ne7!∓ -0.94/21]
[5...Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]



6.Bxc6∓ bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Qg3
Black is slightly better. **8...Kf8** 0.79/20
[8...0-0∓ -0.84/17 keeps the pressure

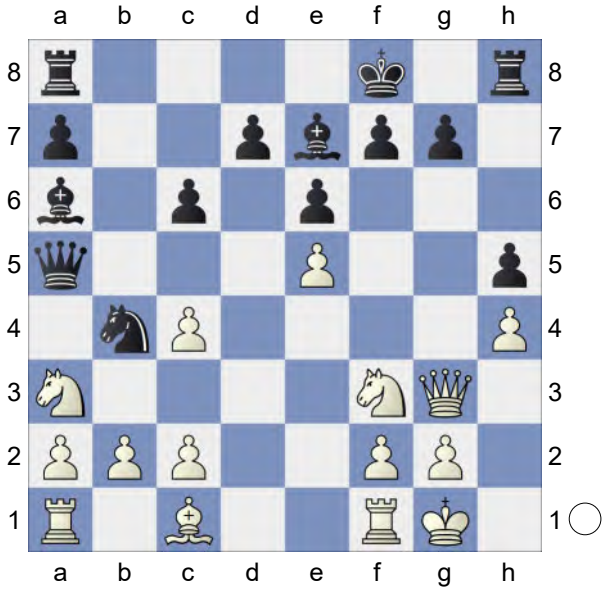
on.]

9.d3± c4 2.00/20 **10.dxc4+- Nb4**



11.Na3 h5 12.h4 Ba6 13.0-0 Qa5? 4.06/18

[13...Bb7 2.38/20 was necessary. 14.Rd1 c5]



14.Rd1 Rd8 15.c3 Dodges c5 **15...Qa4**

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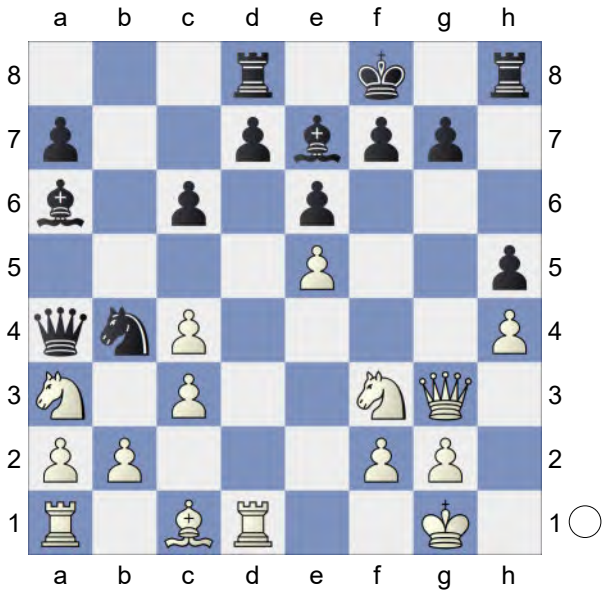
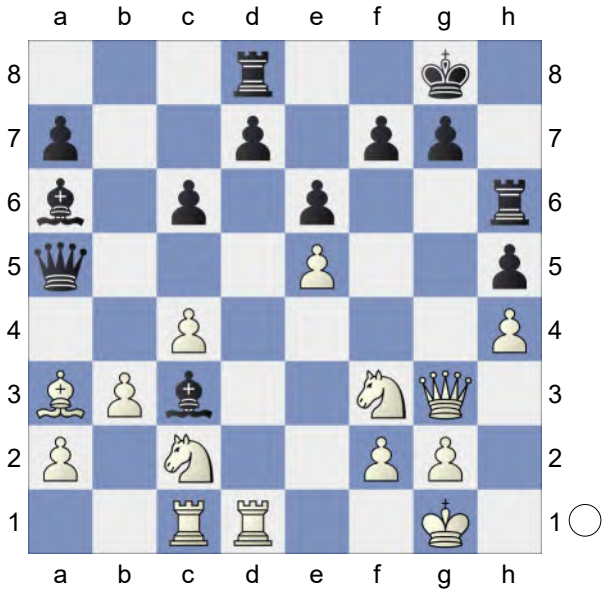


16.b3 Qa5 17.cxb4 Bxb4 18.Nc2 Bc3 19.Ba3+ Kg8 20.Rac1 Rh6



21.Ng5 Bd2 7.26/20

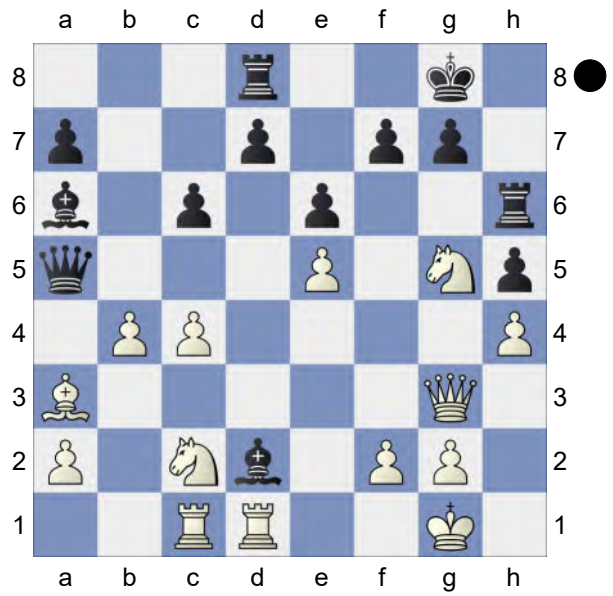
[⌓21...Bxe5 4.06/19 22.Qe3 Qc7]

White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.78

22.b4

(Diagram)



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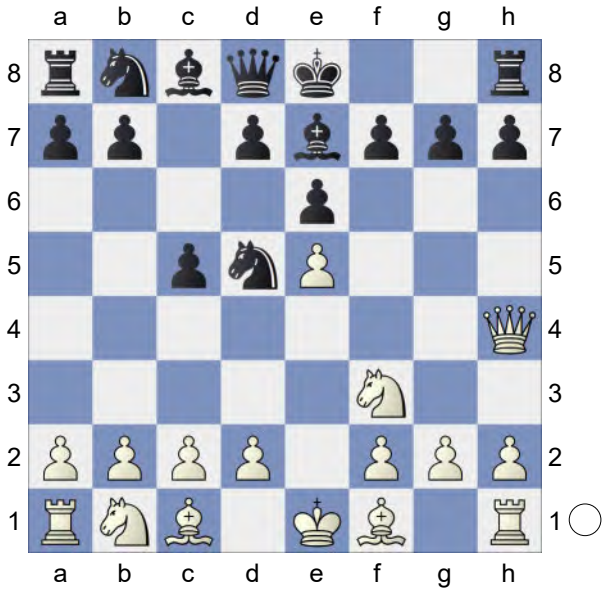
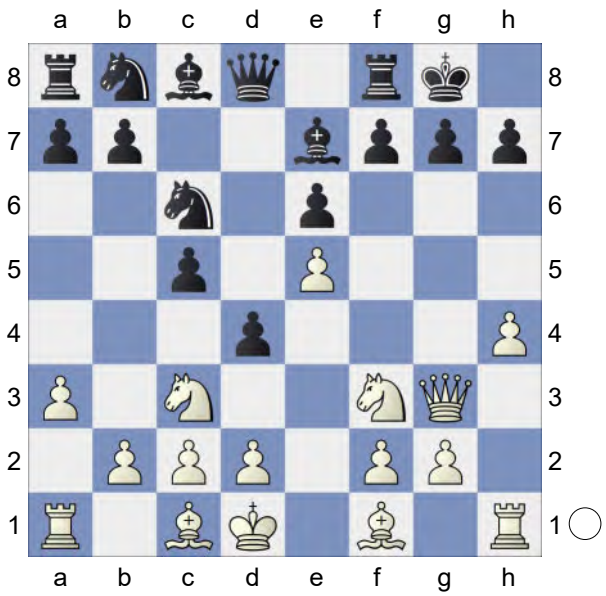
46 **B20**
□ **Mrdalica** **2723**
■ **Fmjoseherrera** **2683**
Blitz 01.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7N
[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5.e5 Nd5

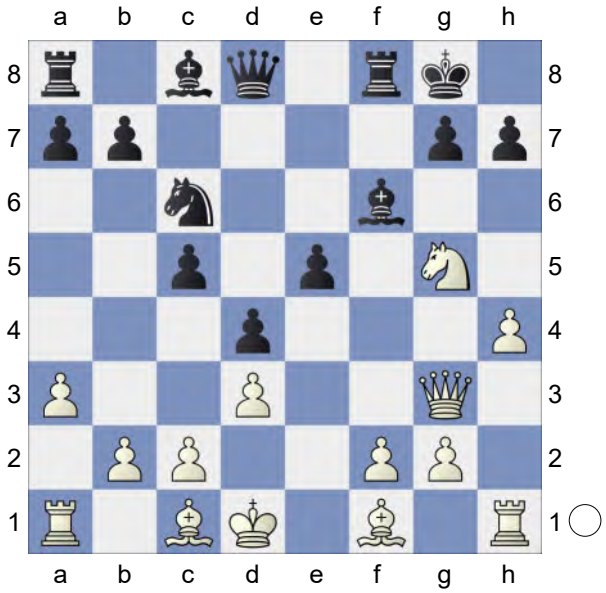


6.Qg3 0-0 7.Nc3 -1.24/21
[7.d4!= -0.24/20]
7...Nb4∓ 8.Kd1 Black is better. **8...d5 9.a3 N4c6 10.h4** -1.82/20
[10.d4∓ -1.28/20 was worth a try. f6 *(10...Nxd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Bh6∓; 10...cxd4 11.Bh6∓)* 11.Nb5]
10...d4? 0.18/21
[10...f6-+ -1.82/20 11.d3 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 fxe5]

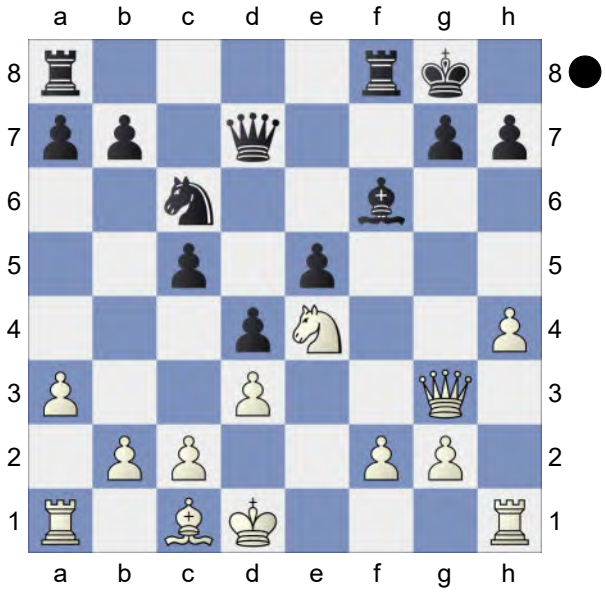
(Diagram)



11.Ne4= Nd7 12.d3 f5? 1.74/20
[12...Kh8= 0.19/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
13.exf6 0.58/20
[White must play 13.Bh6!+- 1.74/20 Rf7 14.Neg5]
13...Nxf6± 14.Nxf6+ -0.40/23
[14.h5!± 0.53/18]
14...Bxf6∓ 15.Ng5 -0.90/21
[15.h5= -0.28/22 remains equal.]
15...e5 -0.51/21
[15...h6∓ -0.90/21]



16.Be2 Bf5 17.Bf3 -1.11/22
[17.Bg4∓ -0.46/22 Bxg5 18.hxg5]
17...Qd7 -0.34/20
[17...c4!∓ -1.11/22 Hoping for ...Na5. 18.dxc4 Kh8]
18.Be4 -1.47/21
[18.Ne4∓ -0.34/20]
18...Bxe4 -0.35/20
[18...Bxg5∓ -1.47/21 19.Bxg5 Bxe4 20.dxe4 d3]
19.Nxe4



c4 0.46/21 **20.dxc4± Qe6** 1.03/22
[20...Qf5± 0.52/22 21.f3 d3]

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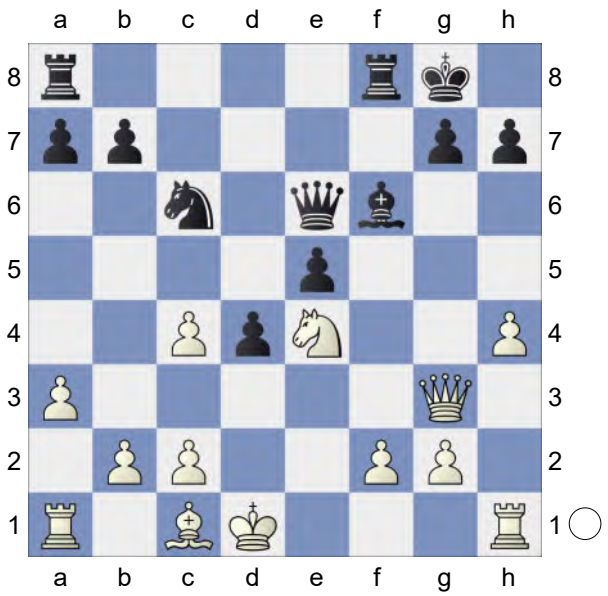
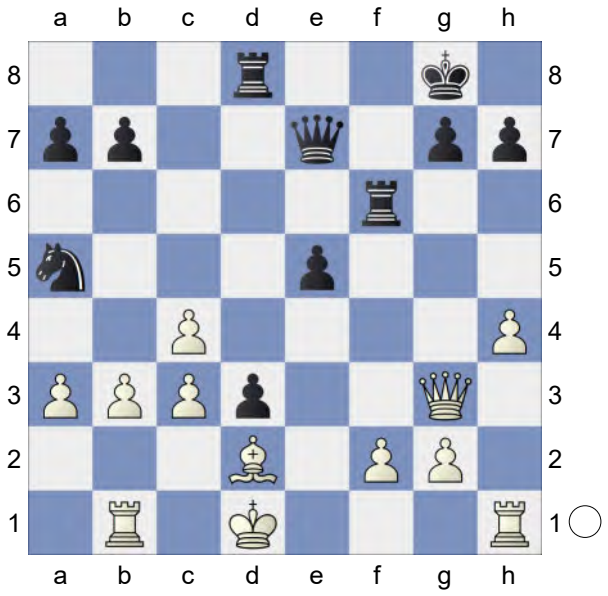
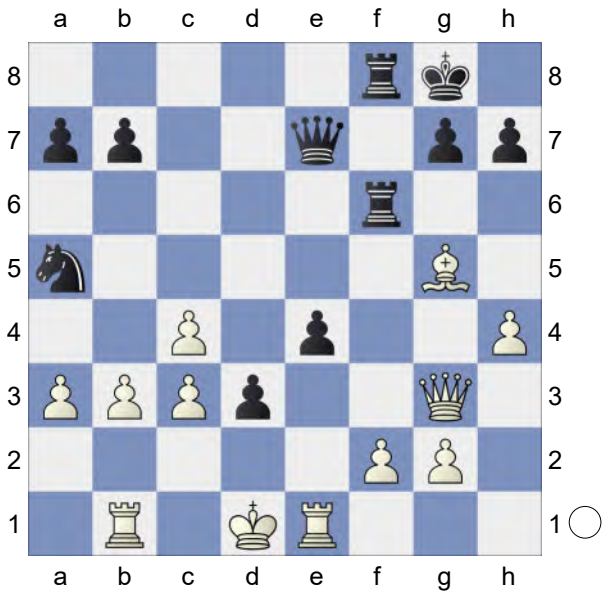


21.b3!± Rad8 22.Bd2 d3 23.c3 -1.11/22
[23.cxd3± 0.91/20 stays on course. Nd4 24.b4]
23...Na5 -0.30/18
[23...b5!∓ -1.11/22 24.Nxf6+ *(24.cxb5 Qxb3+ 25.Ke1 Na5∓)* 24...Rxf6]
24.Rb1= Qe7 0.60/20
[24...Be7= 0.00/22]
25.Nxf6+!± Rxf6

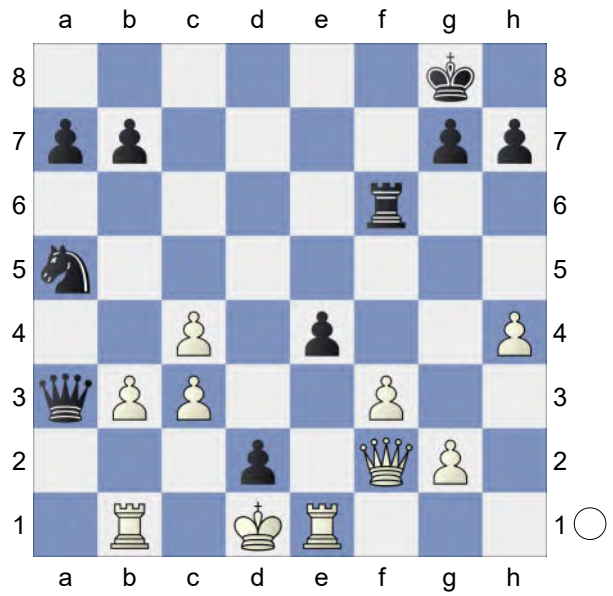


26.Bg5 Threatens to win with Re1.
26...e4? 2.61/22 **27.Re1?** 1.01/23
[27.Bxf6+- 2.61/22 Qxf6 28.Qg5]
27...Rdf8 1.41/22
[Black should play 27...h6 1.01/23 28.Bxf6 Qxf6]

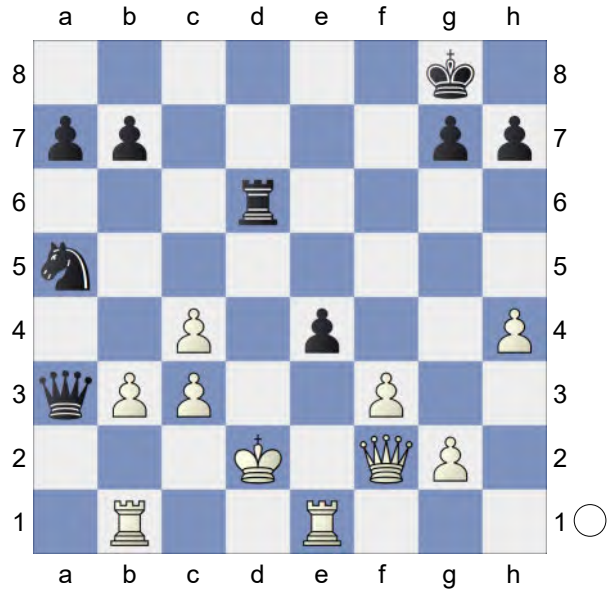


28.f3 0.00/18 **Qxa3!= 29.Bxf6**
[29.fxe4? d2 30.Kxd2 Nxb3+ 31.Rxb3 Rf2+ *(31...Qxb3 32.Bxf6 Qb2+ 33.Kd3=)* 32.Kd3 Qxb3-+]
[29.Rxe4? Qa2 30.Bxf6 Qxb1+ 31.Kd2 Nxb3+ *(31...Rxf6 32.Re8+ Kf7 33.Re7+* Decoy *Kxe7 34.Qxg7+ Ke6 35.Qg8+ Kd7 36.Qg7+ Kc8 37.Qg8+ Kc7 38.Qg7+ Kb6 39.Qxf6+ Nc6 40.c5+ Ka5 41.b4+ Ka4 42.Ke3-+)* 32.Ke3 Qg1+ *(32...Rxf6? 33.Kf2-+)* 33.Qf2 Qc1+ *(33...Qxf2+? 34.Kxf2 Rxf6 35.Re8+ Rf8 36.Re1-+)* 34.Kxd3 Rxf6-+ *(34...gxf6? 35.Ke2-+)*]
29...Rxf6 30.Qf2 Prevents Qa2
[30.Rxe4 Qa2 31.Re8+ Kf7]
30...d2

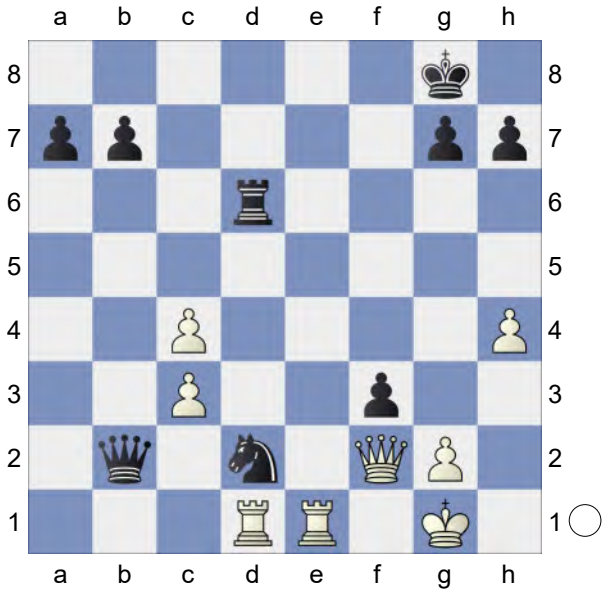
(Diagram)



Decoy. The board is on fire. **31.Kxd2**
[31.Qxd2? Rd6-+ *(31...Nxb3? 32.Qd5+ Kf8 33.Qd8+ Kf7 34.Qc7+ Kg8 35.Rxe4+-)*]
31...Rd6+? 3.54/28
[31...Nxb3+= 0.00/18 32.Kc2 Rb6 33.Qxb6 Remove Defender *(33.Rxe4? Na1+* Deflection *34.Kd3 Rxb1-+; 33.fxe4? Qa2+* Skewer *34.Rb2 Nd4+* Discovered Attack, Deflection *35.Kd3 Rxb2-+)* 33...axb6 34.Rxb3 Qc5 *(34...Qa2+ 35.Rb2=)*]



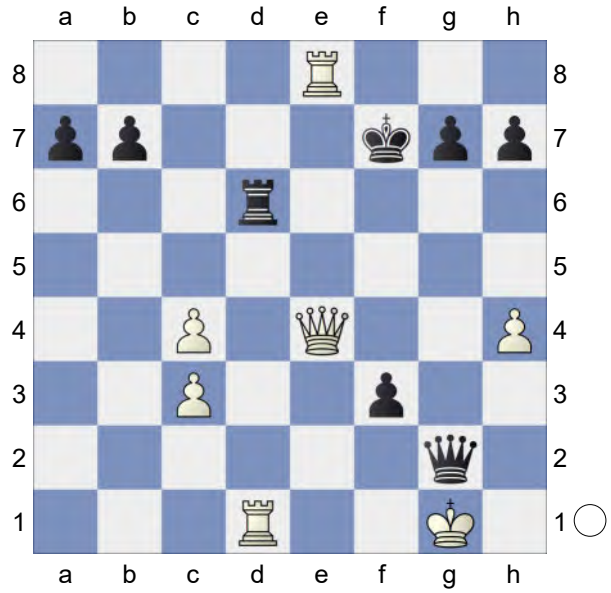
32.Ke2!+-
[32.Kc2 Nxc4 33.bxc4 Qa2+ 34.Rb2 Qa4+ 35.Rb3 *(35.Kb1 Rd1+ 36.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 37.Ka2 Qa4+ 38.Kb1 Qd1+ 39.Ka2 Qa4+ 40.Kb1 Qd1+=)* 35...Qa2+ 36.Rb2 Qa4+ 37.Kb1 Rd1+ 38.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 39.Ka2 Qa4+ 40.Kb1 Qd1+ 41.Ka2 Qa4+ 42.Kb1 Qd1+=]
32...Nxb3 33.Rbd1 Prevents Rd2+.
[33.fxe4 Rd2+ 34.Kf1 Rxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Qc5+ 36.Kg3 Qe5+ *(36...Qxc4? 37.Kh2-+)* 37.Kf2 Qxc3-+]
33...Qb2+ 34.Kf1 Nd2+ 35.Kg1 exf3



36.Re8+
[36.gxf3 Qxc3 37.Re8+ *(37.Qxa7? Rg6+ 38.Kh2 h6-+)* 37...Kf7+-]
[36.Qxa7 h6 37.Qb8+ Kh7+-]
36...Kf7 37.Qe3 0.00/17
[Better is 37.c5+- 5.29/17 Rd3 38.Re3 *(38.Re2 Ne4+-)* 38...Rxe3 39.Qxe3]
37...Ne4 4.12/20 **38.Qxe4??** -#1/33
[38.Rxe4? Qxg2#]
[38.Qxf3++- 4.12/20 Nf6 39.Rxd6 Kxe8 40.Qf5]
Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.75

38...Qxg2#



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47 **B20**

□ **Chessm1105** **2723**

■ **Cutemouse83** **2905**

Blitz 27.09.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

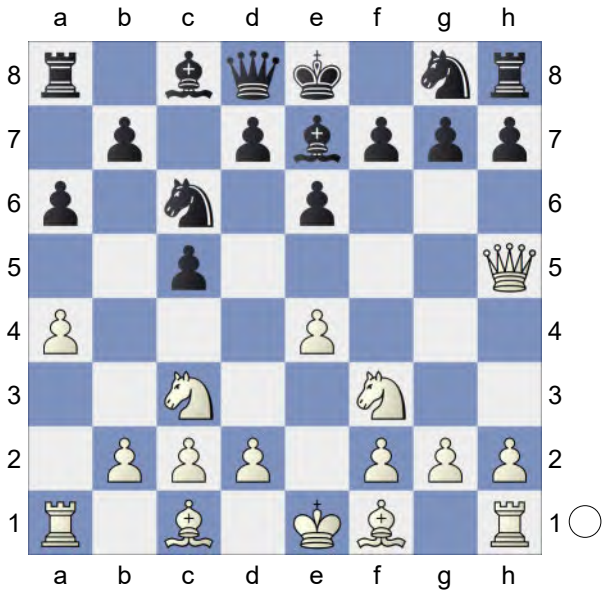
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nc6 4.Nf3 a6 5.a4 Be7 0.00/19

[5...g6∓ -1.19/21 6.Qg5 Qxg5 7.Nxg5 b6]



6.Ne5!= Nxe5 7.Qxe5 Nf6 8.Qg3

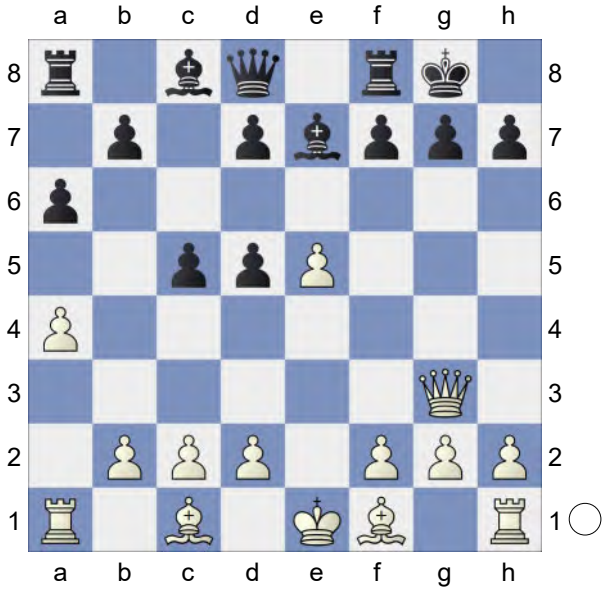
The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.e5** -0.75/19

[9.d3= 0.00/19]

9...Nd5 -0.05/20

[9...Ne8!∓ -0.75/19]

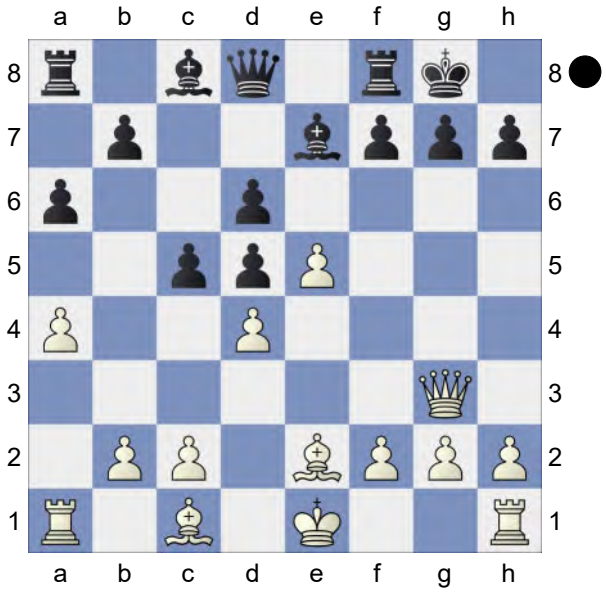
10.Nxd5 exd5



11.Be2 -1.08/20

[11.d4!= 0.05/20 remains equal.]

11...d6∓ 12.d4



cxd4? 0.70/22

[12...Re8!∓ -1.15/19 13.0-0 cxd4]

13.Bh6± g6 14.Bxf8 Bxf8 15.0-0 Be6

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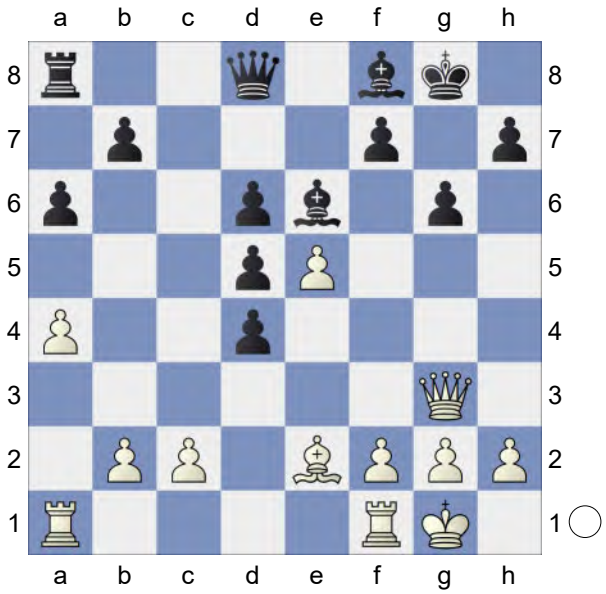


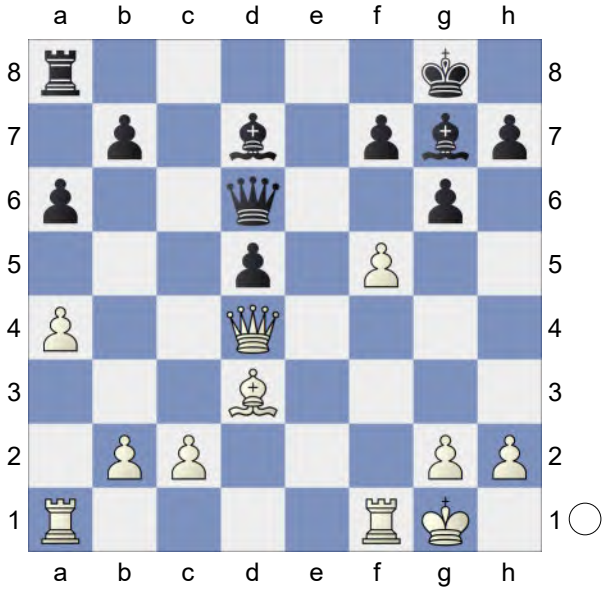
16.Bd3 Qb6 1.71/18

[16...dxe5± 0.88/20 17.Qxe5 Qd6 18.Qxd4 Bg7]

17.f4+- dxe5 18.f5

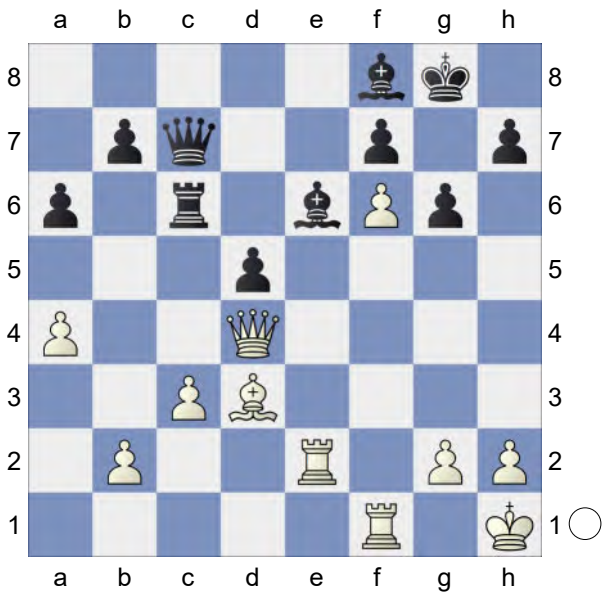
[18.fxe5?! Bg7±]

18...Bd7 19.Qxe5 Qd6 20.Qxd4 Bg7

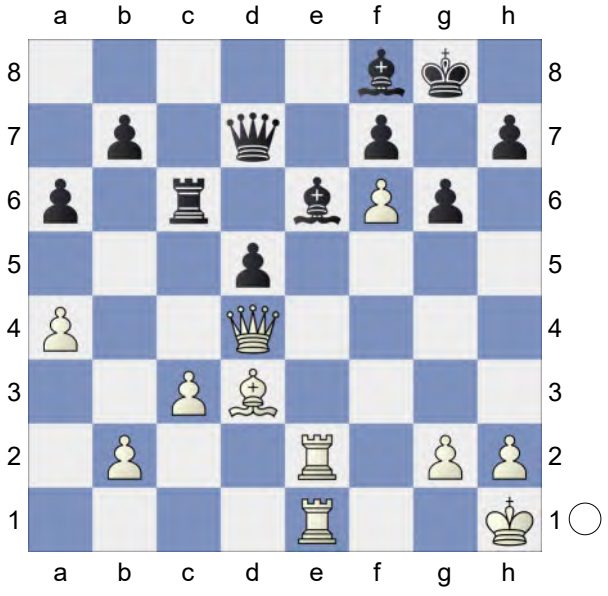


21.f6 Bf8 22.Kh1 Rc8 23.c3 Rc6 24.Rae1 Be6 25.Re2 Qc7

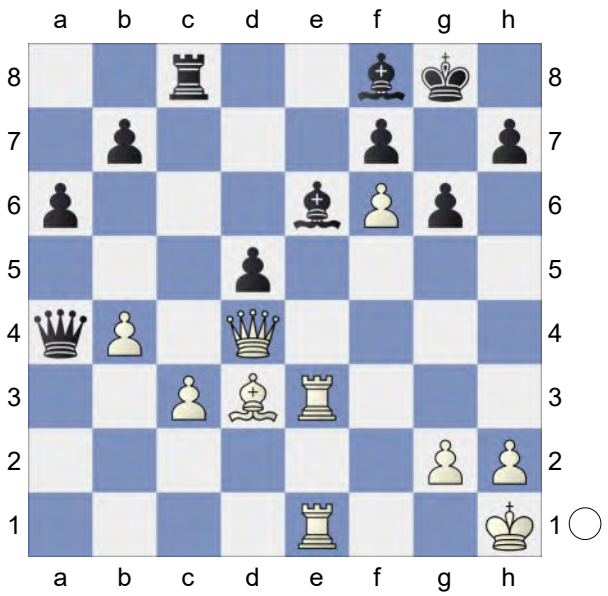
(Diagram)



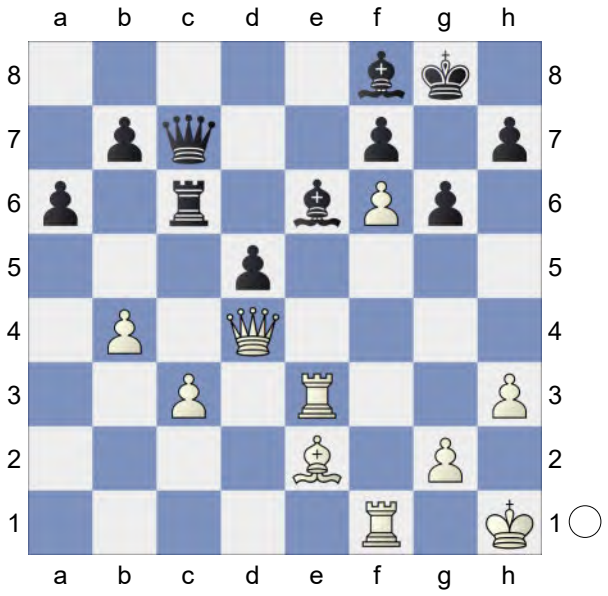
26.Rfe1 Bc5 27.Qh4 aiming for Bf5!.
27...Bf8 28.Qg5 1.40/18
[28.Rd2+- 1.80/19]
28...Qd7 29.Qf4 Rd6 2.16/20
[29...Qd6 1.62/19 was worth a try. 30.Qd2 Qc7]
30.Qd4 Rc6



31.b4 1.33/20
[31.Rd2+- 1.86/18]
31...Rc8 1.83/19
[31...Qc8± 1.33/20]
32.Re3 Qxa4
(Diagram)



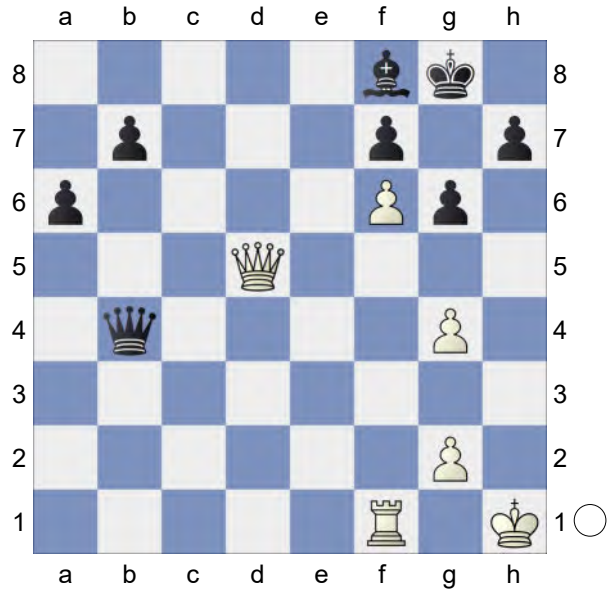
33.Rf1 0.42/20
[33.Rxe6!+- 1.85/19 fxe6 34.f7+ Kxf7 35.Qh8]
33...Qd7 34.h3 0.00/21 White is much more active.
[Better is 34.Ra1± 0.64/20]
34...Rc6 0.55/19
[34...Rxc3= 0.00/21 35.Rxe6 *(35.Qxc3 d4=)* 35...Rxd3 36.Qxd3 Qxe6]
35.Be2 Qc7



36.Bg4 Rc4 37.Qd1
[37.Qe5 with more complications.

Bd6 38.Qg5 Bf4 39.Rxe6 fxe6 40.Qh4]

37...Bxg4 38.hxg4 Rxc3 39.Rxc3 Qxc3 40.Qxd5 Qxb4=



Endgame KQR-KQB **41.Qf3 a5** ...a4 is the strong threat. **42.Rd1 Qb6** **43.Qf4 h6 44.Re1** -0.64/25

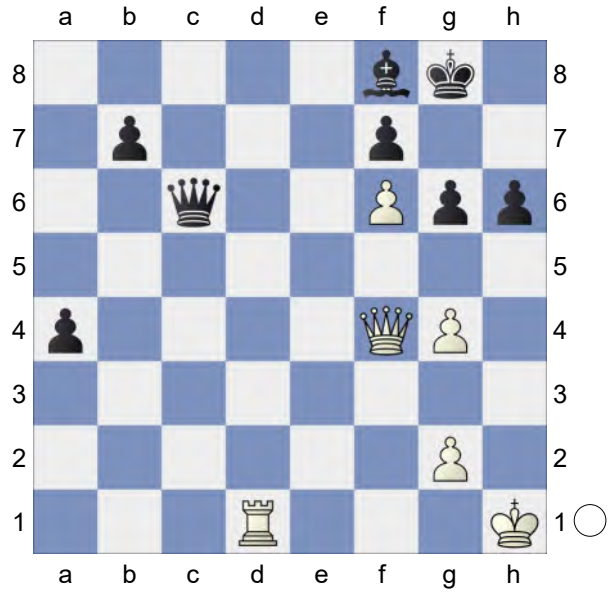
[44.Rd7= 0.00/30]

44...Qc6 0.00/25

[44...Qd8!∓ -0.64/25]

45.Rd1 a4 0.40/20

[45...Qe8= -0.04/22 was preferable.]



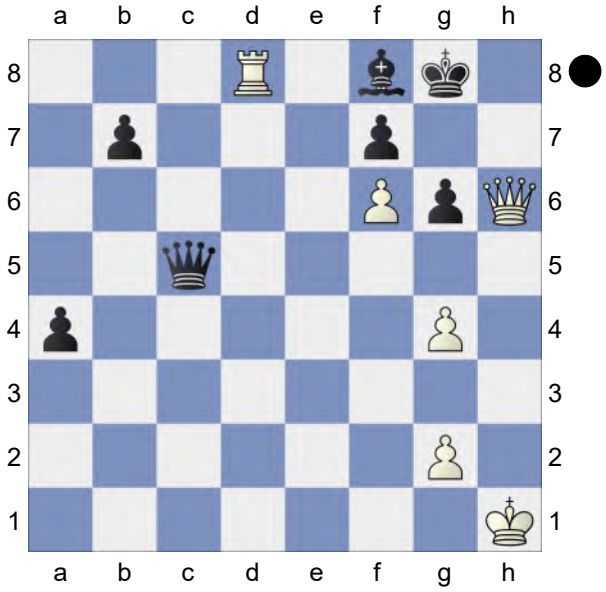
46.Rd8± White has compensation.

46...Qc5? #5/20

[46...g5± 0.40/25 47.Qb8 Qc1+ 48.Kh2 Qc5]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.37

47.Qxh6



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48 **B20**

□ **Timquaker** **2723**

■ **Mightbedecent** **2548**

Blitz 26.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33)

Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

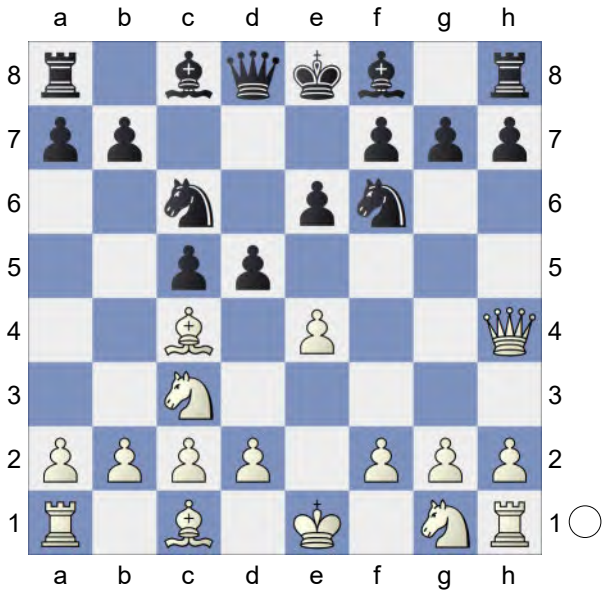
3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nc6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qh4 d5 -0.54/21

[5...Be7-+ -1.61/18 Hoping for ...d5. 6.Bb3 d5 7.exd5 exd5 *(7...Nxd5 8.Qg3∓)*]

(Diagram)



6.exd5∓ exd5 -0.30/20

[6...g5∓ -0.70/21 7.Qxg5 Rg8]

7.Nxd5= Nxd5

[7...Nd4 with more complications. 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Bd3 c4]

8.Qxd8+ Remove Defender. The position is equal. **8...Kxd8 9.Bxd5 Nd4?** 1.41/24

[9...Nb4!= -0.22/19 10.Be4 *(10.Bxf7? Nxc2+ 11.Kd1 Nxa1-+)* 10...f5]

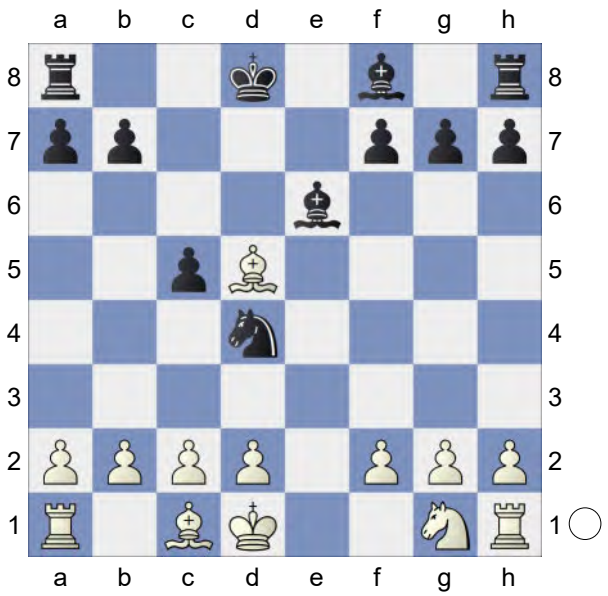
10.Kd1±

[10.Bxf7? Nxc2+ 11.Kd1 Nxa1-+]

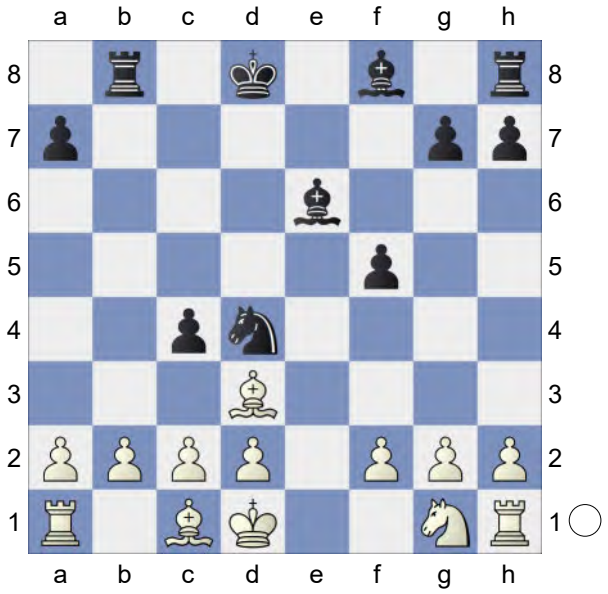
10...Be6 2.07/20

[10...Bd6± 1.46/20 11.c3 *(11.Bxf7 Rf8∓)* 11...Nc6]

(Diagram)



11.Bxb7+- Rb8 12.Be4 f5 13.Bd3 c4



14.Bf1

[14.Ne2 Bc5 15.Nxd4 Bxd4=]

14...Bc5 15.f3 Ke7

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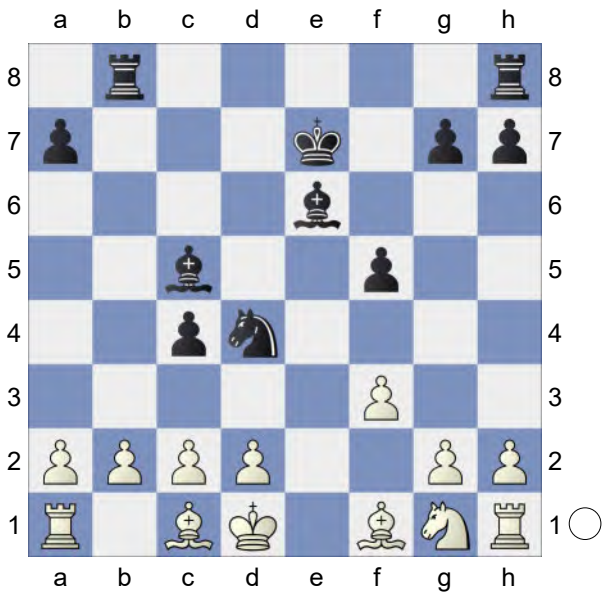


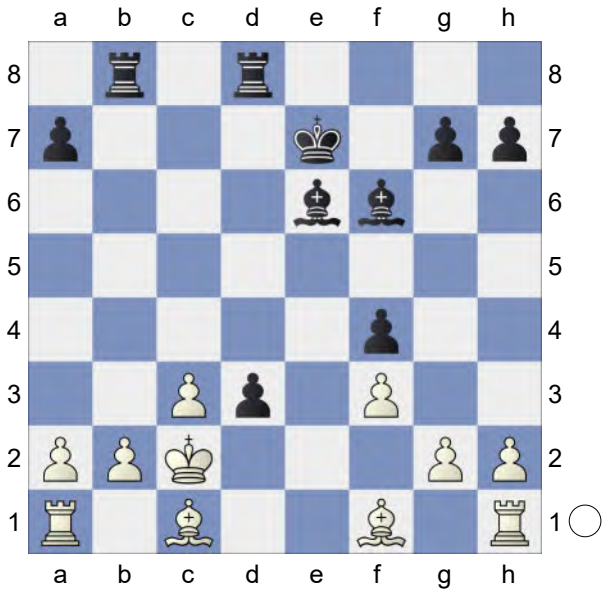
16.Ne2 Rhd8 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.c3 Bf6 1.90/18

[18...Be5± 1.38/19 19.Kc2 Bc7]

19.Kc2 f4 2.26/17

[19...a5 1.85/17 was called for. 20.d3 cxd3+ 21.Bxd3 Kf7]

20.d4 cxd3+

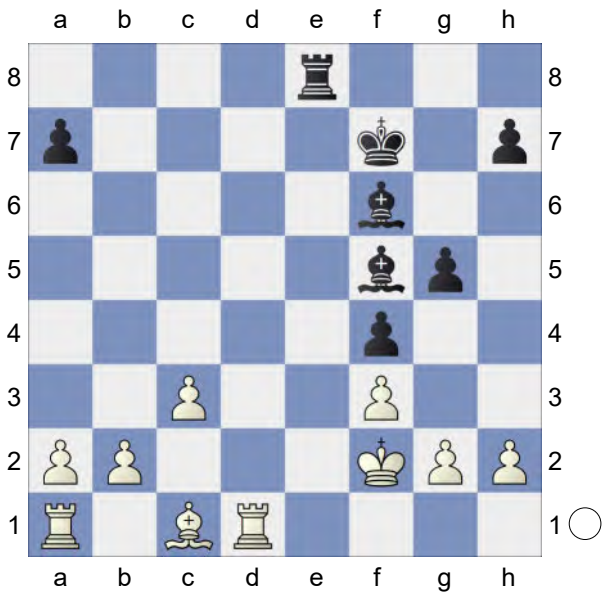


21.Bxd3 Rxd3 22.Kxd3 Bf5+ 23.Ke2 Kf7 24.Rd1

[24.Bxf4 Rxb2+ 25.Ke3 Bxc3=]

24...Re8+ 25.Kf2 g5

(Diagram)



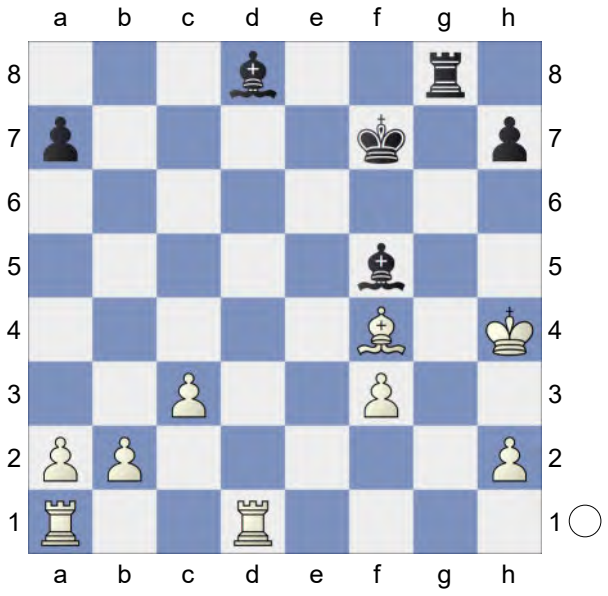
26.g3 Bd8 27.gxf4 Bb6+ 28.Kg3 gxf4+ 3.10/19

[⌓28...Bc7 2.10/19 29.Rd5 Kf6]

29.Bxf4

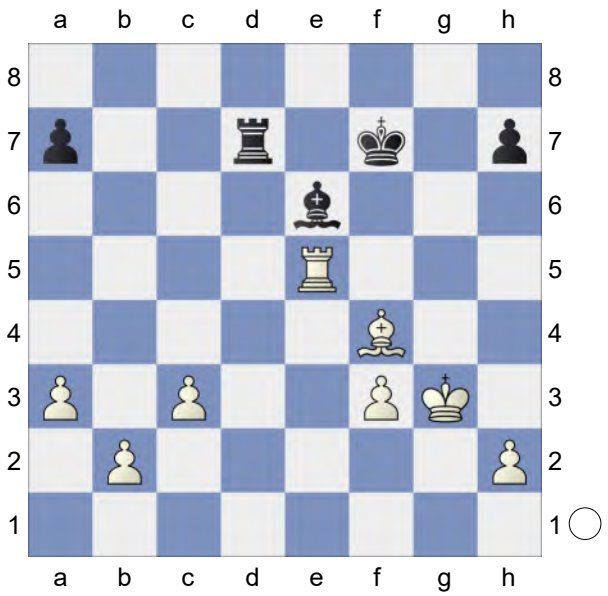
[Don't do 29.Kxf4 Bc8 30.h4 Re2+-]

29...Rg8+ 30.Kh4 Bd8+

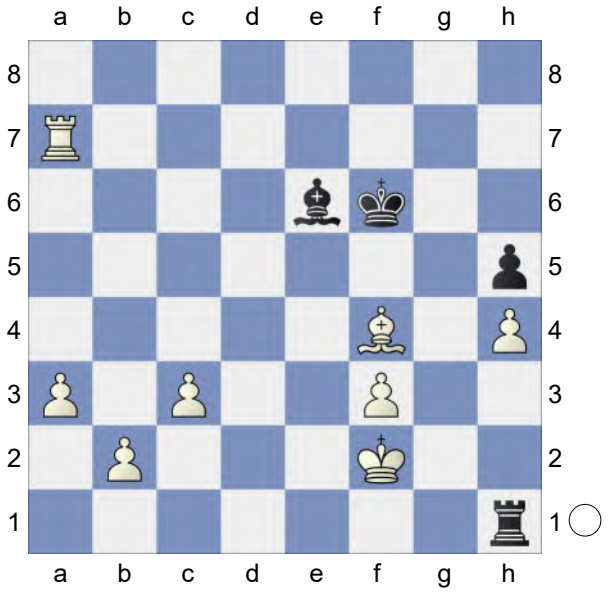


31.Rxd8! Rxd8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is 3 pawns up. **32.Re1 Rd3 33.Kg3 Be6 34.a3 Rd8 35.Re5 Rd7**

(Diagram)



36.Rc5 Kf6 37.Rc7 Rd1 38.Rxa7 h5 39.h4 Rg1+ 40.Kf2 White is clearly winning. **40...Rh1**



41.Bg5+ Kf5 42.Ra5+ Kg6 43.Re5 Bf5 44.Re2 Rb1 45.Ke3 Be6

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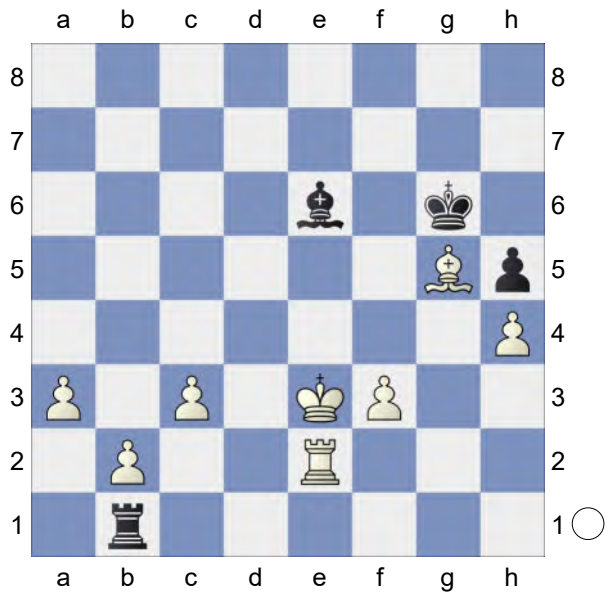

46.Kd4 Bb3 47.c4 Rd1+ 48.Kc3 Ba2 49.b3 Rc1+

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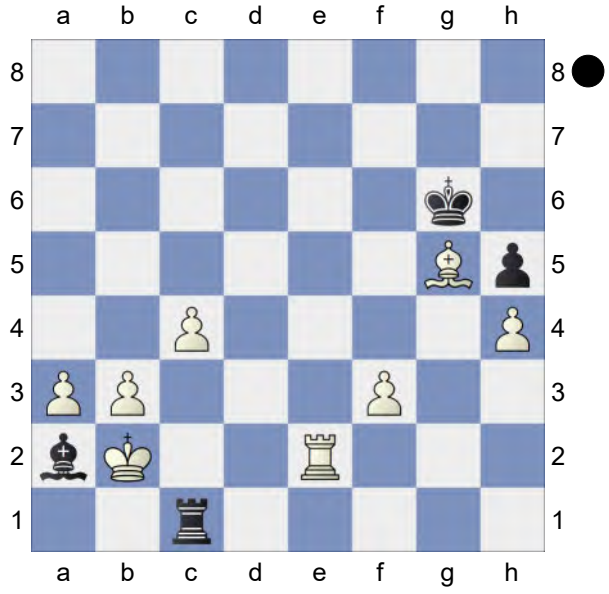
50.Kb2



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49 **B20**

□ **Chessm1105** **2722**

■ **Fastlanaroadstofm** **2614**

Blitz 21.09.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**

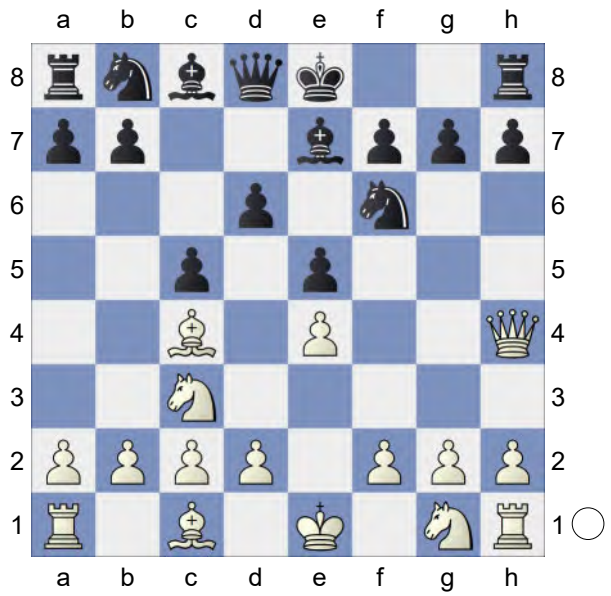
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

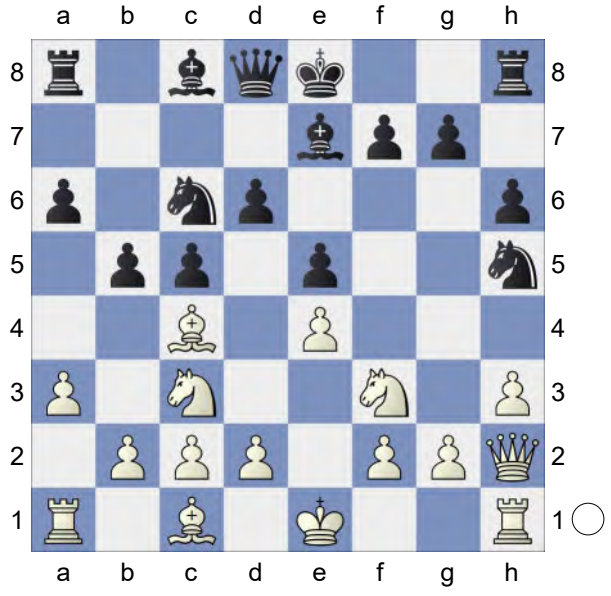
[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

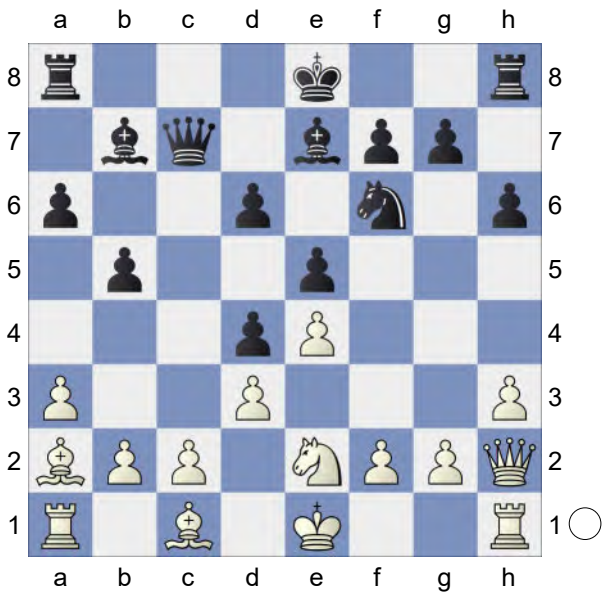
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 e5 5.Bc4 Be7



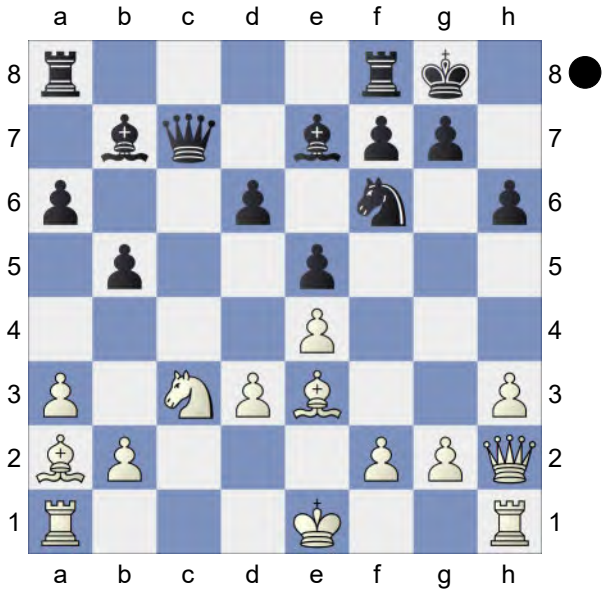
6.Nf3 h6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Qg3 -1.02/19
[8.d3∓ -0.60/20]
8...Nh5∓ 9.Qh2 a6 -0.66/18
[9...Be6∓ -1.11/19 10.d3 0-0]
10.a3 b5



11.Bd5 Bb7 -0.40/21
[11...Bd7∓ -0.82/20]
12.d3∓ Nf6 0.06/18
[12...0-0∓ -0.40/19]
13.Ba2 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Ne2 Qc7 0.21/20
[15...Rc8∓ -0.31/20]

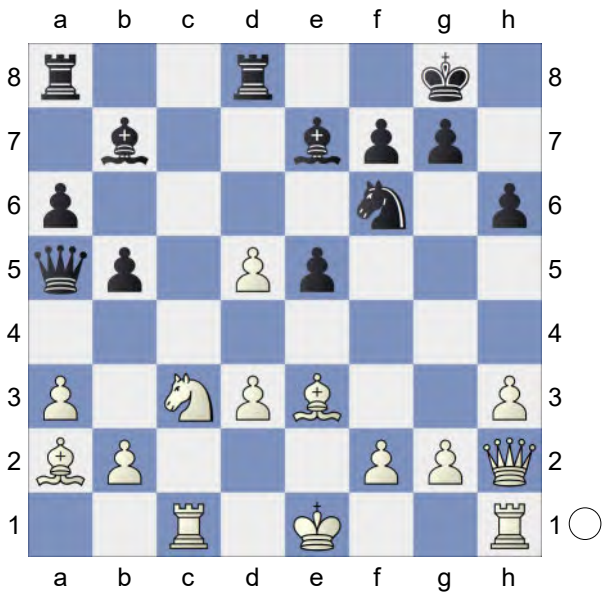


16.c3= dxc3 17.Nxc3 0-0 18.Be3

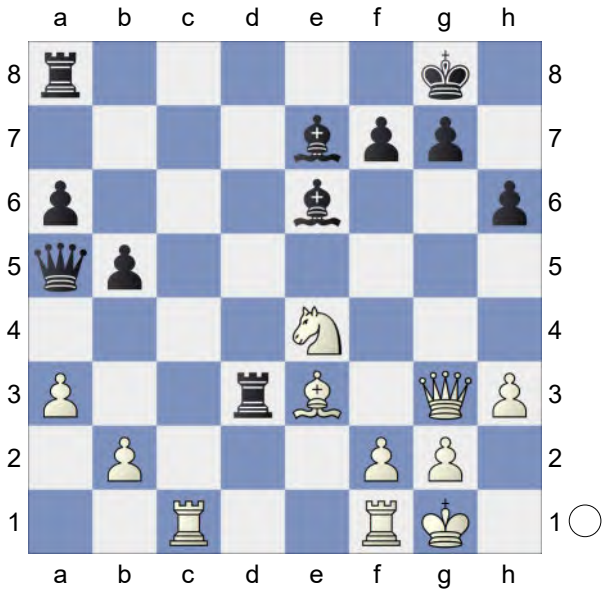


d5! 19.exd5? -2.16/20
[19.0-0= -0.12/21 and White has nothing to worry.]
[19.Rc1 Qd8]
19...Rfd8? 0.40/20
[19...Bxa3!-+ -2.16/20 20.Bc1 Bd6]
20.Rc1± Qa5

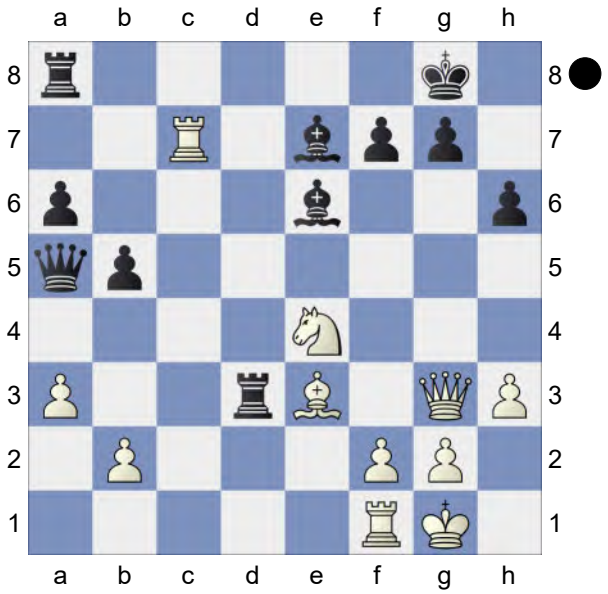
(Diagram)



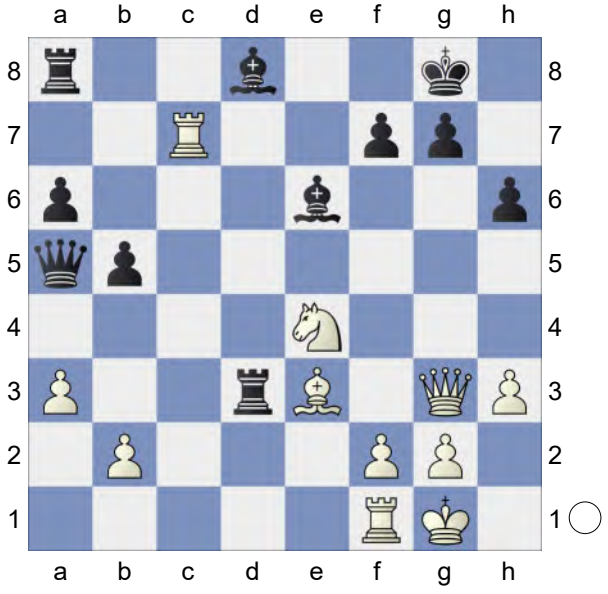
21.0-0 Nxd5 22.Bxd5 0.35/18
[White should play 22.Qxe5± 1.11/20 Qc7 23.Qxc7 Nxc7 24.Bb6]
22...Bxd5 23.Qxe5 Be6 24.Ne4 Rd5! Repels d4 **25.Qg3**
[25.Qc7 simplifies Qxc7 26.Rxc7 Bd8 27.Rc6]
25...Rxd3



26.Rc7 -1.29/19
[26.Rcd1= 0.00/23 keeps the balance. Rad8 27.Bb6 Rxg3 *(27...Qxb6 28.Rxd3 Rxd3 29.Qxd3=)* 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Bxa5]



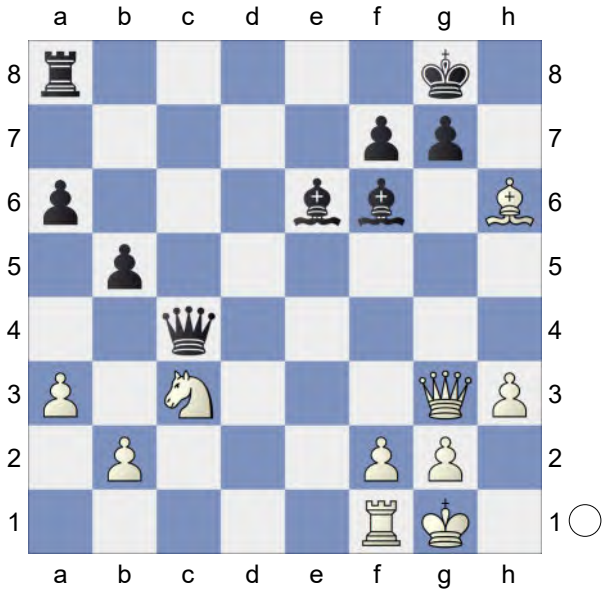
26...Bd8? 0.79/22
[26...Bd6!∓ -1.29/19 27.Rc8+ *(27.Nf6+ Kh8=)* 27...Bxc8 *(27...Rxc8 28.Nxd6 Qc7 29.Nxc8∓)* 28.Nxd6 Qd8 29.Nxf7 Decoy Kxf7 *(29...Qf6 30.Ne5∓)* 30.Qf3+ Bf5 31.Qxf5+ Kg8 32.Qe6+ Kh8]



This pair of bishops is nice. **27.Rc3!→** White attacks. White has more active pieces. **27...Rxc3 28.Nxc3** 0.00/24
[28.bxc3± 0.69/21 Qc7 *(28...Qxa3?*

29.Bc5+-) 29.Bf4]

28...Qc7 29.Bf4 Qc4 30.Bxh6 Bf6



31.Bd2 Rd8 32.Bg5 Bxg5 33.Qxg5 Rd7 1.04/19

[33...f6± 0.33/20 34.Qe3 Bf7]

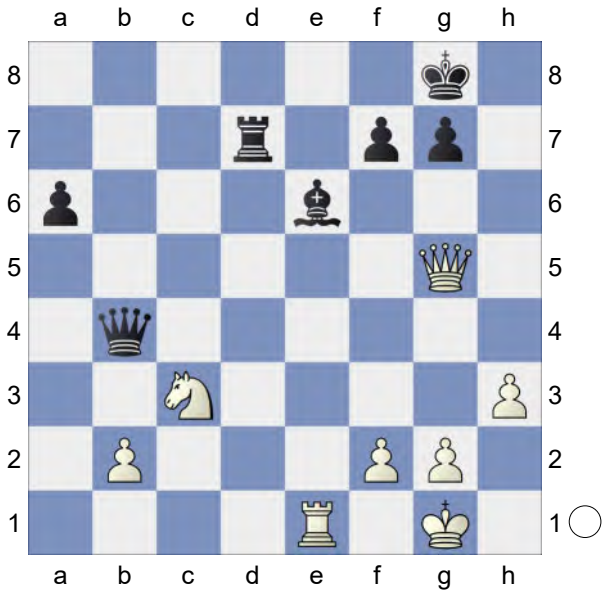
34.Re1 b4 1.51/20

[⩲34...Qb3 0.82/20]

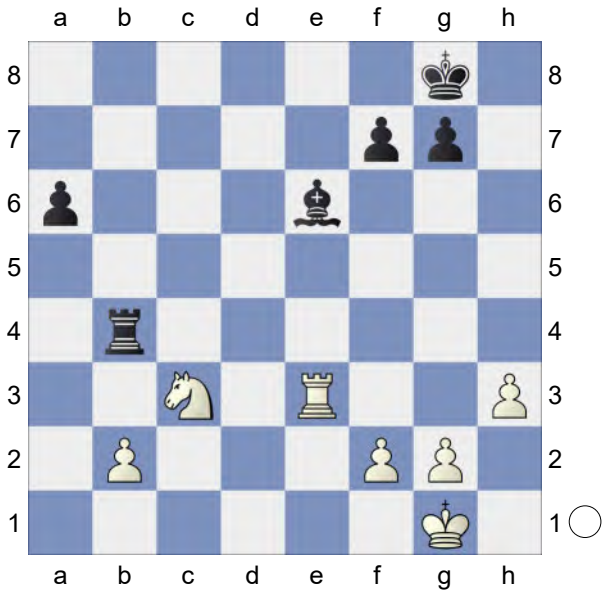
35.axb4 0.33/18

[35.Ne4± 1.51/20 Qd4 36.Nc5]

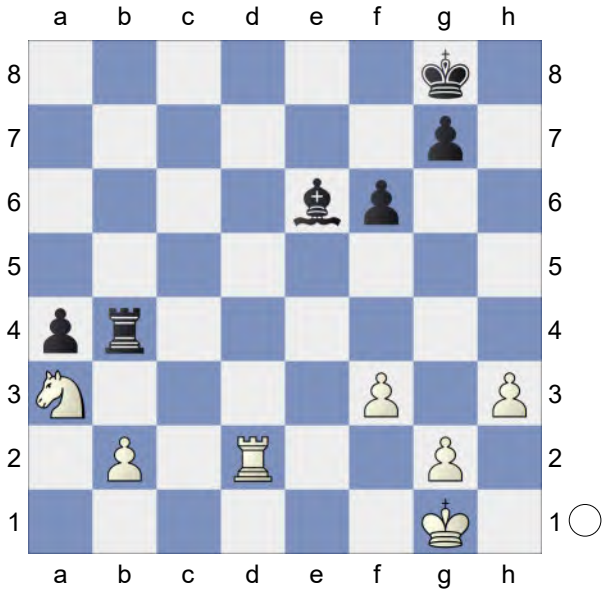
35...Qxb4±



36.Re2 Qb8 37.Qe5 Qxe5 38.Rxe5= Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **38...Rd2 39.Re2 Rd4 40.Re3 Rb4**



41.Re2 a5 42.Rd2 a4 43.Nb1 Bf5 44.Na3 Be6 45.f3 f6



46.Kf2 Kf7 47.h4 Rxh4 48.g4 Rh2+ 49.Ke3 Rh1 50.Rd4 Rh2

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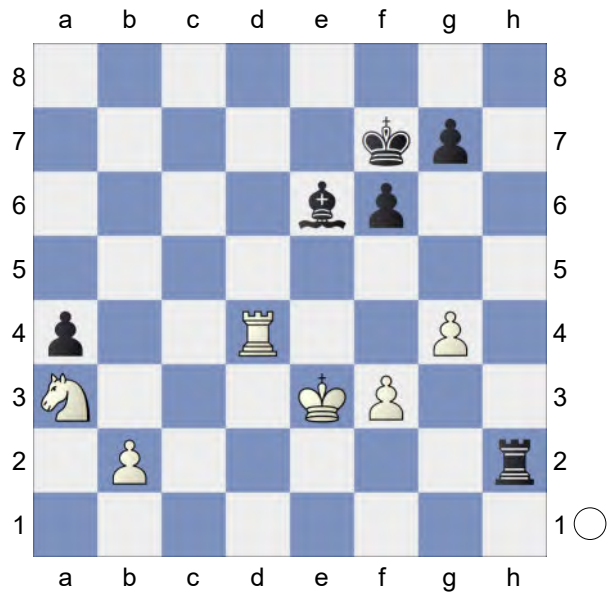
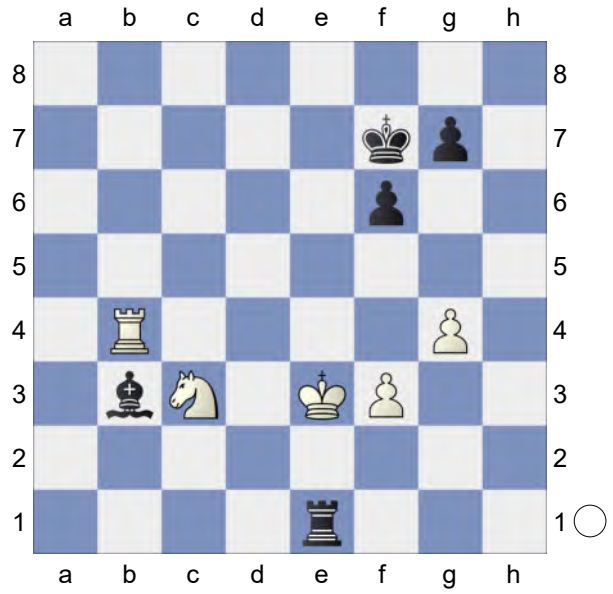


51.Rb4 Bb3 52.Nc4 Rc2 53.Nb6 Rxb2 Threatens to win with ...a3.
54.Nxa4 Rb1 4.15/19
[54...Bxa4= 0.18/23 and Black stays safe. 55.Rxb2 Kg6]
55.Nc3+- Re1+



56.Kd2 Rf1 57.Rxb3? 0.15/17
[White has to play 57.Ke2+- 4.23/24 Ra1 58.Rxb3]
57...Rxf3= 58.Rb4 Rg3 59.Ne2 Kg6? 8.02/29
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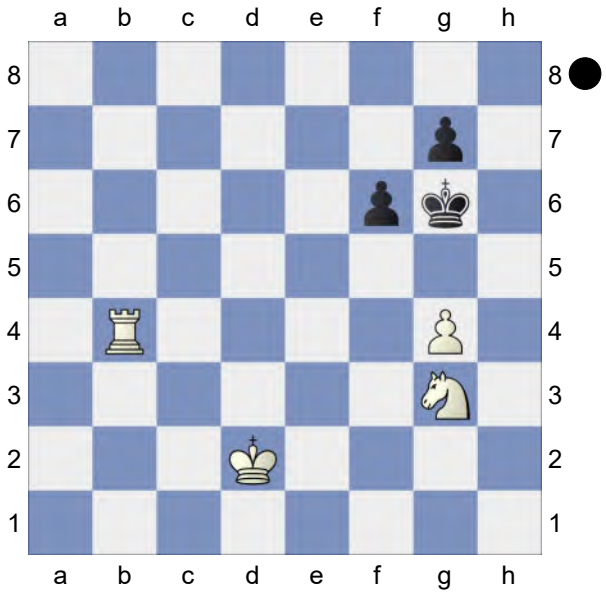
60.Nxg3



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□ **Parttimeg Mer** **2721**
■ **Doktor Stupid** **2604**
Blitz 05.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7

14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

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[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

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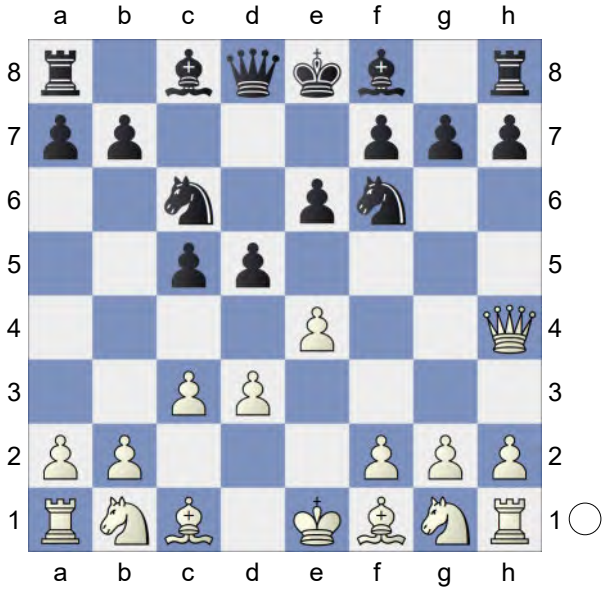


6.Nd2 d4 7.f4 -1.47/18

[⌓7.Ngf3 -0.78/19]

7...Be7∓ 8.Qg3 -2.31/20

[8.Qh3∓ -1.45/17]

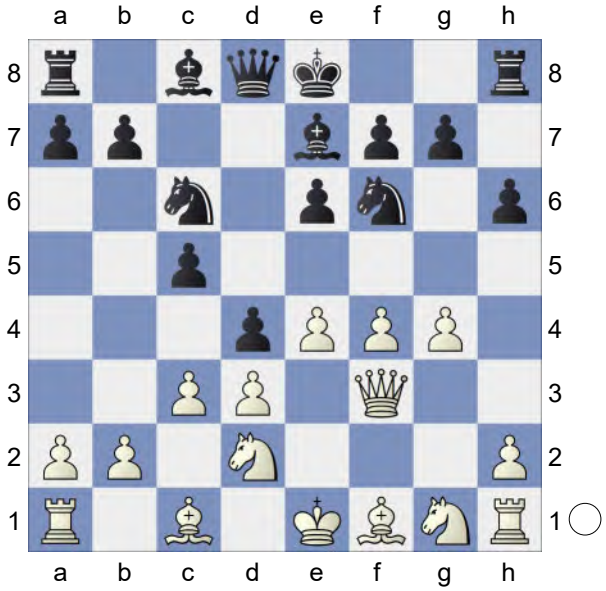
8...Nh5 -0.96/18

[8...dxc3-+ -2.31/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 9.bxc3 Nxe4 10.Qxg7 *(10.dxe4? Bh4-+* Pin *)* 10...Bh4+ *(10...Bf6? 11.Qh6-+)* 11.g3 Bf6]

9.Qf3 Nf6 10.g4 -1.24/18

[⌓10.a4 -0.79/19]

10...h6



11.h4 e5 Black is more active. **12.f5 h5** -0.44/18

[12...b5∓ -0.83/19]

13.g5∓ Ng4↑ Black has the initiative.

14.Bh3 -0.94/18

[14.Ne2∓ -0.41/16]

14...Ne3 -0.37/19

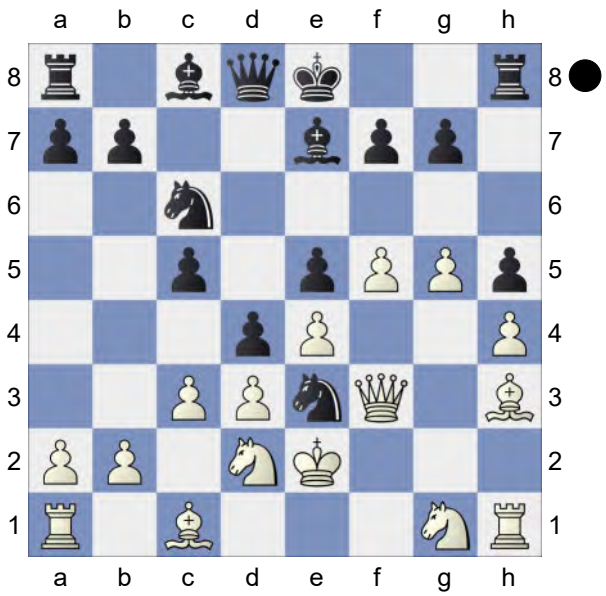
[14...b5!∓ -0.94/18]

This move loses the game for White.

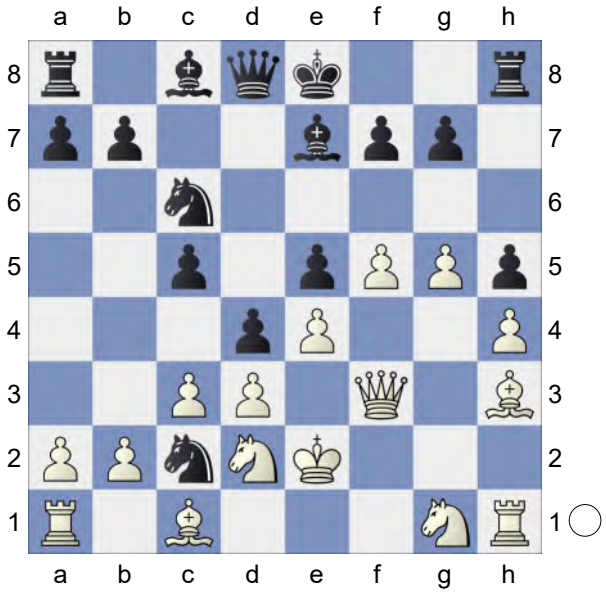
15.Ke2? -2.44/18

[Better is 15.Kf2∓ -0.37/19]

(Diagram)



15...Nc2!-+



16.Rb1

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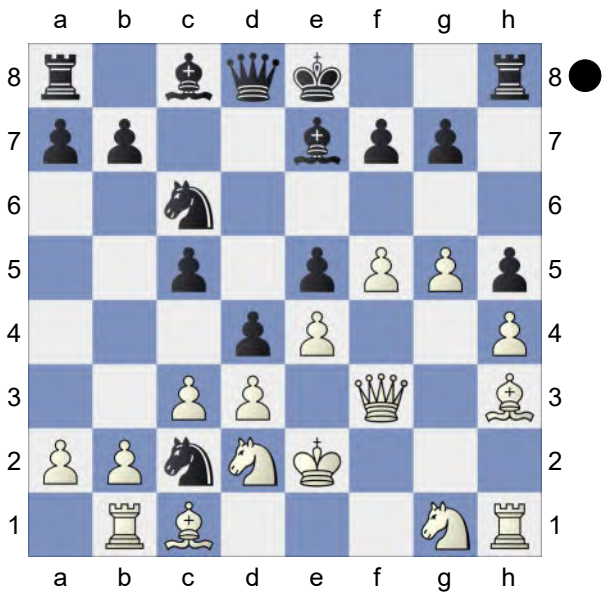
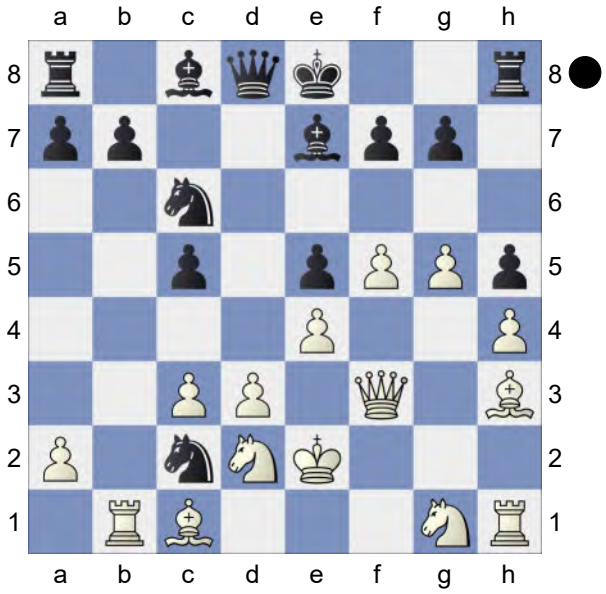
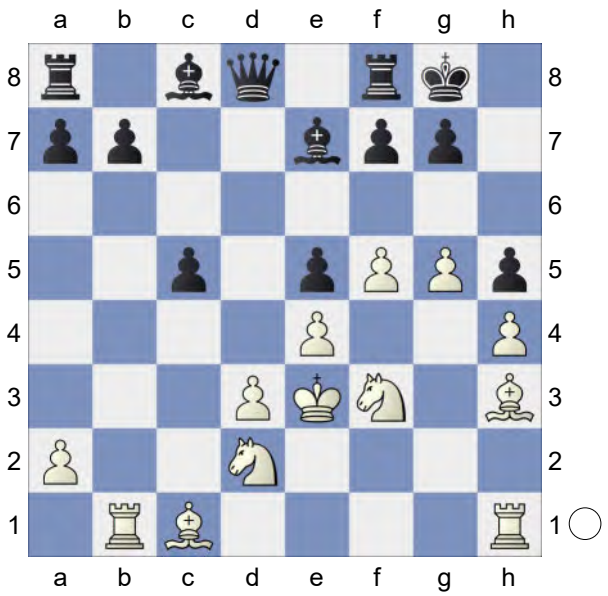


dxc3 17.bxc3

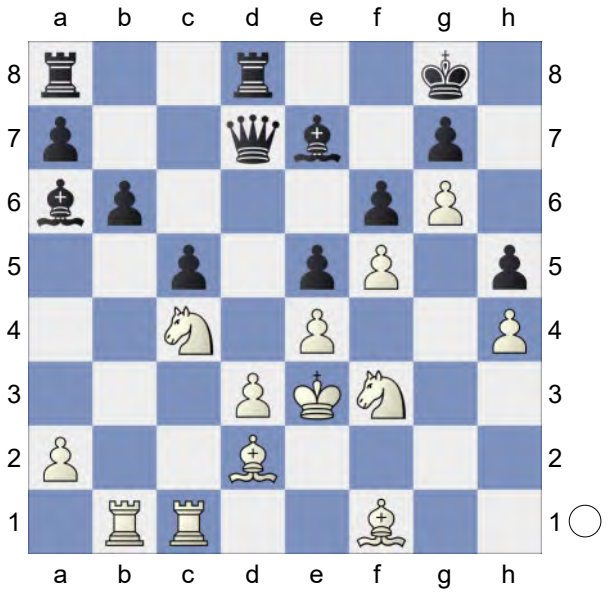


Threatens to win with Kd1. **17...N2d4+! 18.cxd4 Nxd4+ 19.Ke3 Nxf3 20.Ngxf3 0-0**

(Diagram)



21.Nc4 f6 22.Bd2 b6
[Resist 22...fxg5 23.hxg5 b5 *(23...Bxg5+? 24.Nxg5 Qxg5+ 25.Ke2-+)* 24.Rxb5]
23.g6 Ba6 24.Rhc1 Qd7 25.Bf1 Rfd8



26.Be2 b5 27.Nb2

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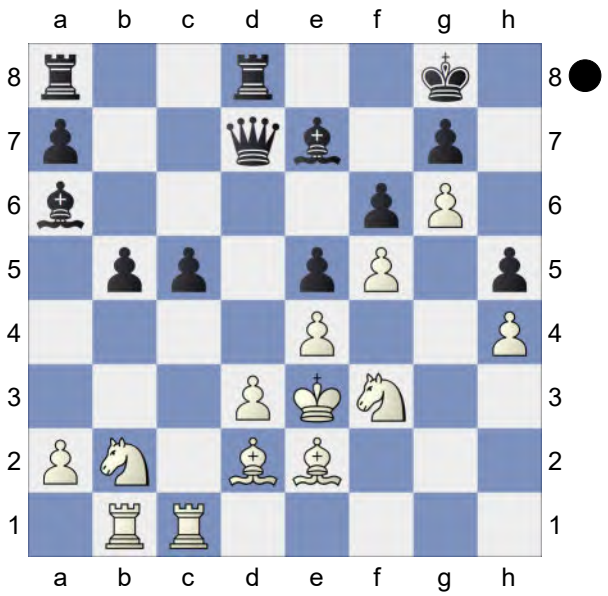
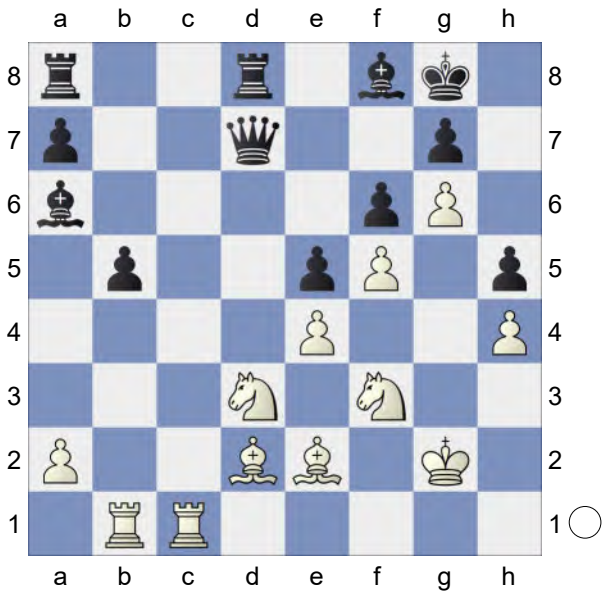
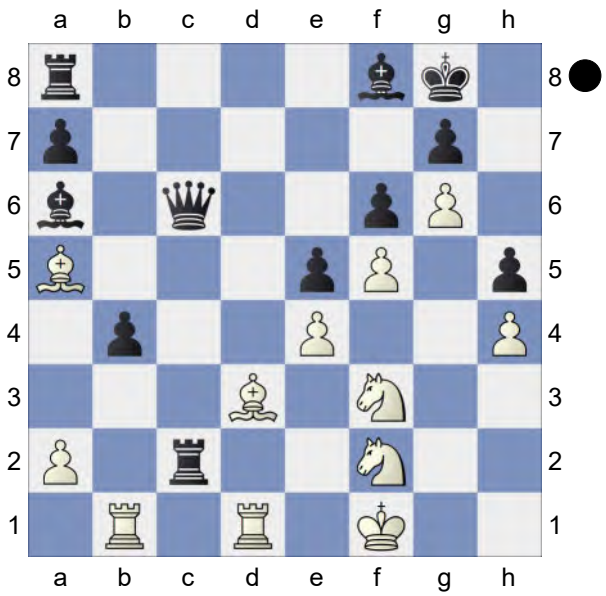


c4! ...Bc5+ would now be deadly. **28.Kf2 Bc5+ 29.Kg2 cxd3 30.Nxd3 Bf8**

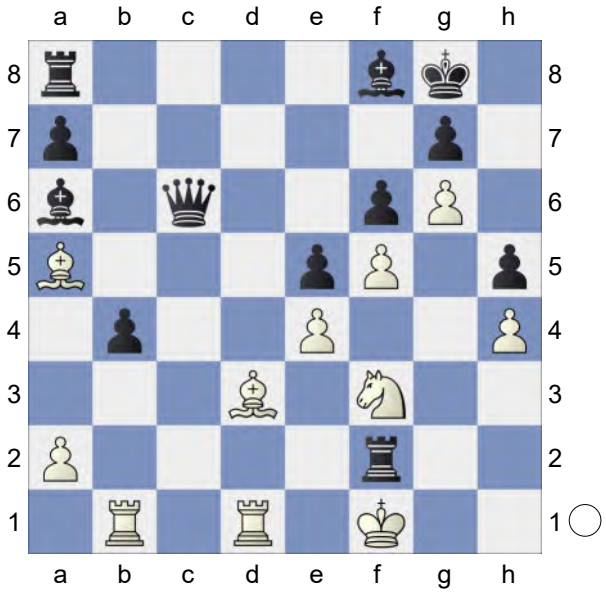


31.Ba5 Rdc8 32.Rd1 Rc2 33.Kf1 -5.89/18
[33.Nf2 -3.90/17 was worth a try. Qb7 34.Rd2]
33...Qc6 Black is clearly winning. **34.Nf2 b4 35.Bd3**

(Diagram)



Rxf2+!

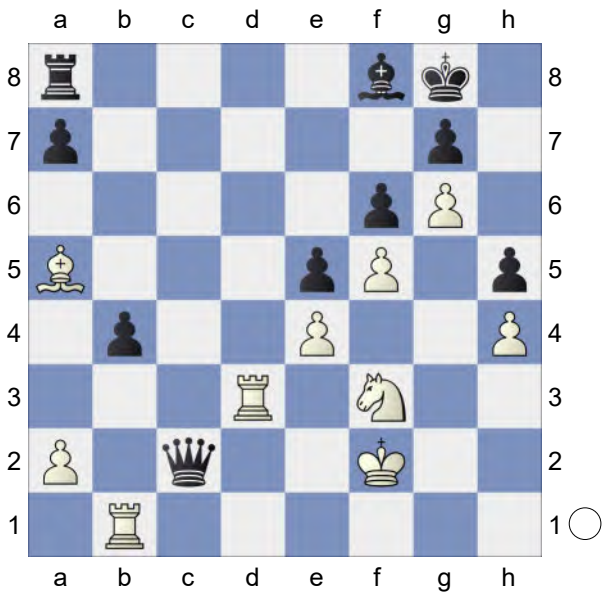


36.Kxf2 Bxd3 37.Rxd3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.31

37...Qc2+

(Diagram)



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51 **B20**

□ **Cheerychocolate** **2720**

■ **Wildindian** **2684**

Blitz 03.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

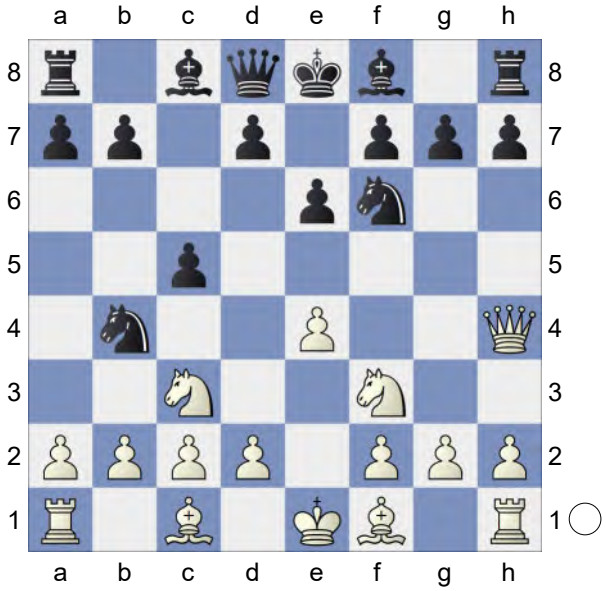
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8

17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

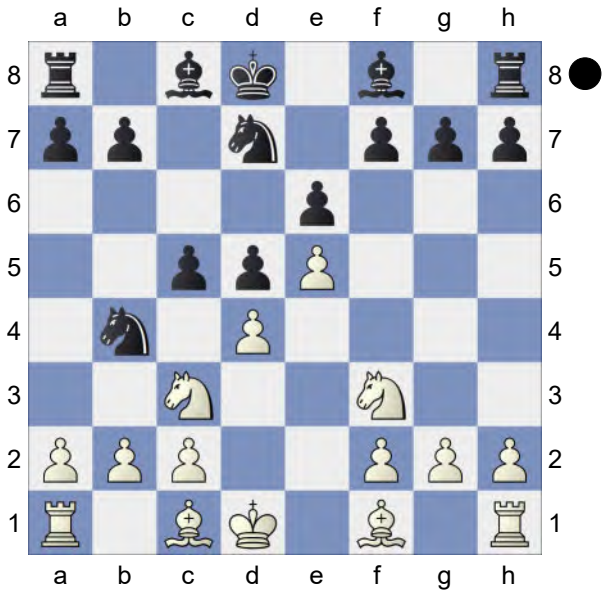
3...Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qh4 Nb4



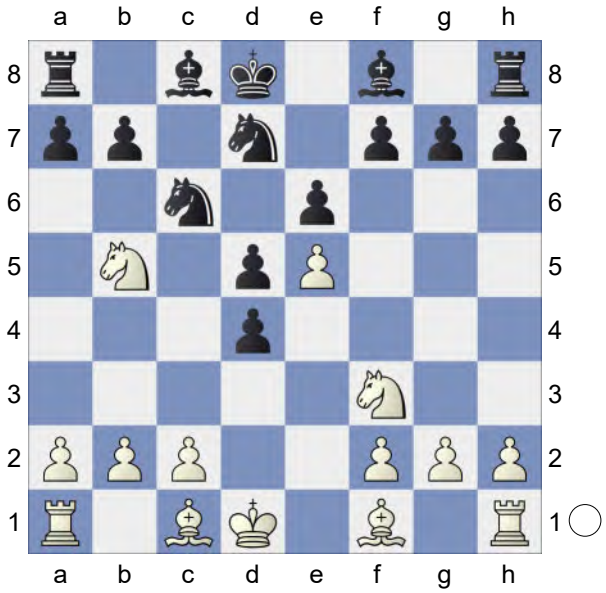
6.Kd1 d5 7.e5 Nd7 8.Qxd8+ Black is slightly better. **8...Kxd8 9.d4** -1.73/20

[9.Bb5!∓ -0.55/20]

(Diagram)



9...cxd4!-+ 10.Nb5 Nc6



11.Bf4 Bc5 12.c3 dxc3 13.Nxc3 -2.73/17

[13.bxc3 -1.90/17 was called for. Bxf2 14.Nbd4]

13...Bxf2 14.Bd3 Bb6 15.h4 f6

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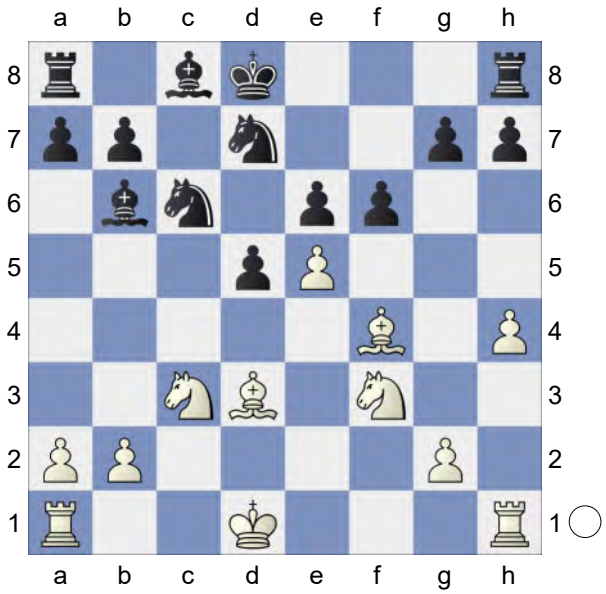
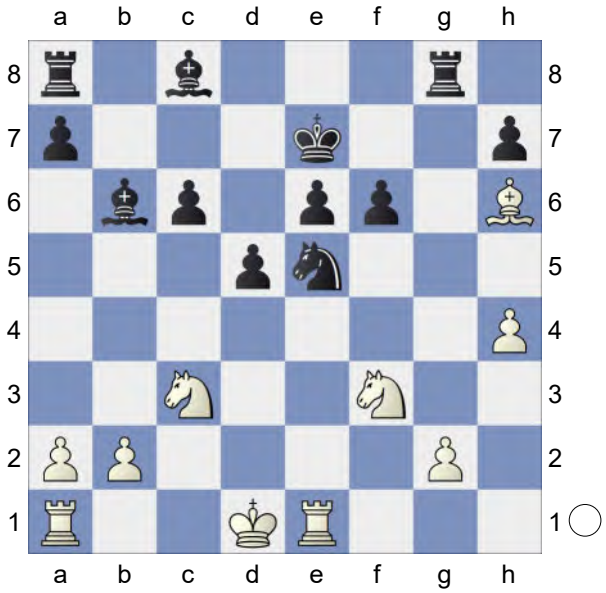


16.exf6 gxf6 17.Bh6 Ke7 18.Re1 Nde5 19.Bb5 Rg8 20.Bxc6 bxc6



21.Nxe5 fxe5 22.Bg5+ Kd6 23.Kc2 e4 24.Rad1 Kc7 25.Rf1 Rg7

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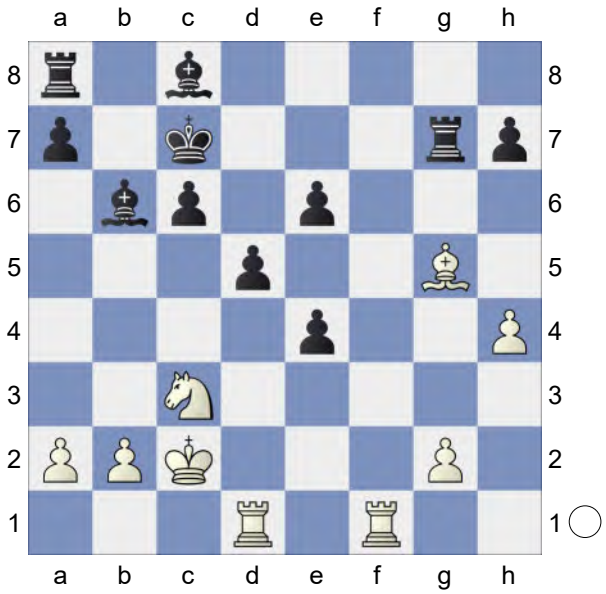
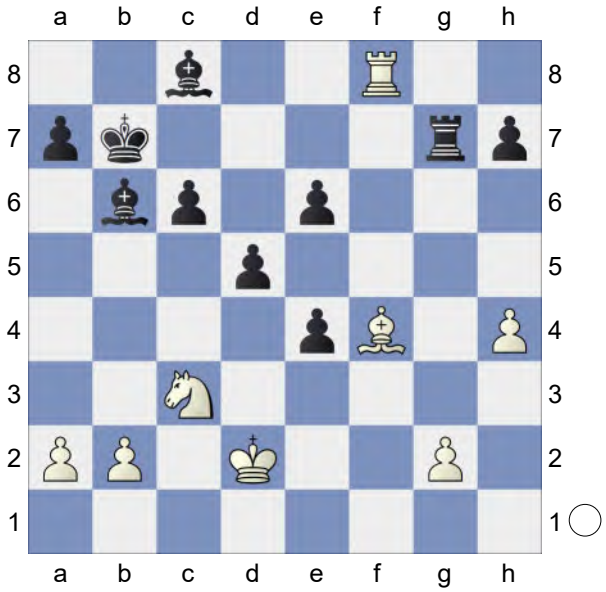
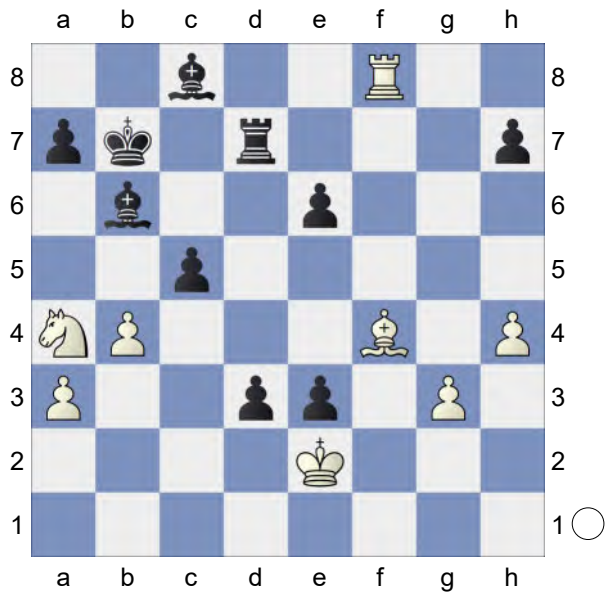


Inhibits Rf7+. **26.Rf8 Bb7 27.Rdf1 Rxf8 28.Rxf8 Ba6 29.Kd2 Bc8 30.Bf4+ Kb7**

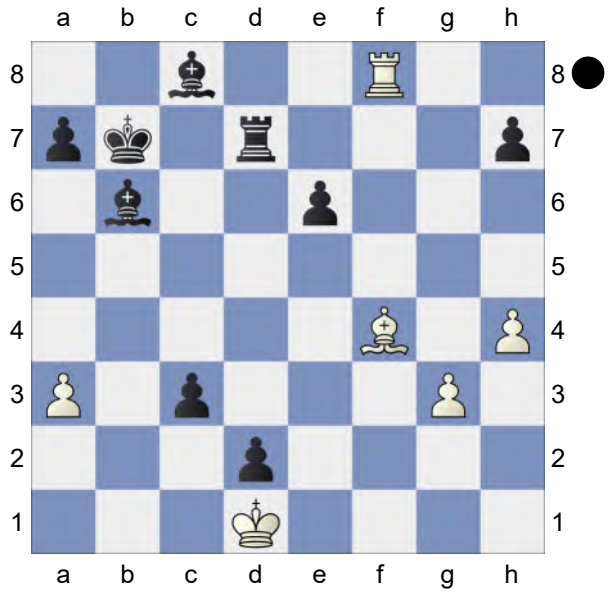


31.g3 Rd7 32.Na4 -3.72/20
[⌓32.b4 -2.49/17]
32...c5 Strongly threatening ...e5!.
33.a3? -4.11/20
[33.b4 -2.53/20 cxb4 34.Nxb6 axb6 35.Ke3]
33...d4 34.b4 e3+ 35.Ke2 d3+

(Diagram)



36.Kxe3 -7.11/18
[⌓36.Kd1 -4.60/19 c4 37.Nc5+ Bxc5 38.bxc5 e2+ 39.Ke1]
36...d2
[36...cxb4+ 37.Nxb6 axb6 38.Kd2 bxa3 39.Be5-+]
37.Nc3 cxb4+ Discovered Attack (Check) **38.Ke2 bxc3 39.Kd1**



Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.24 (precise)
39...c2+!
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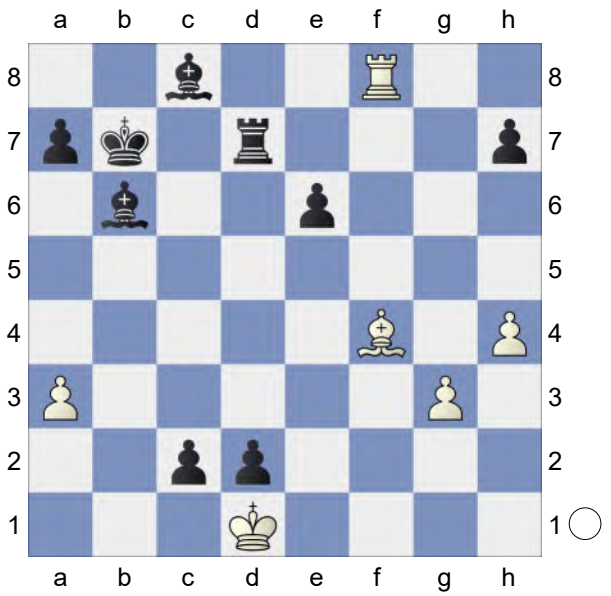

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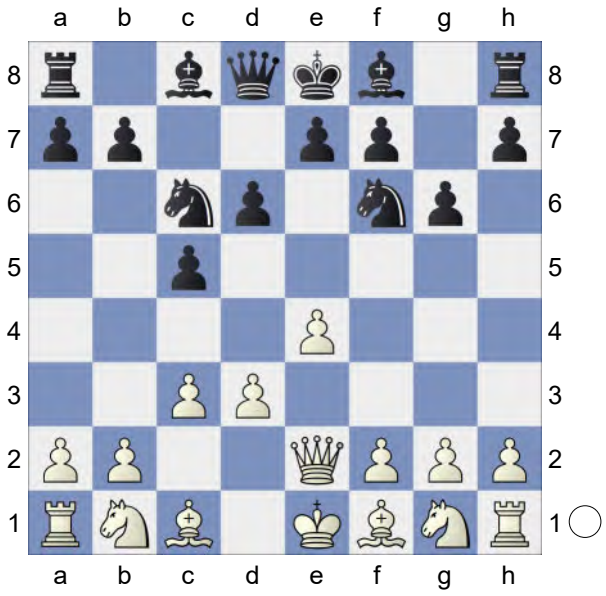
52 **B20**
□ **Parttimeg Mer** **2719**
■ **Jarakkk** **2727**
Blitz 27.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com: 'B20: Défense sicilienne " B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com: 'B20: Défense sicilienne
" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qe2N**
[3.Qh4 Nc6 *(3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3* 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland, S (2731) Saint Louis Champions

Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)*)* 4.Be2 e5 5.d3 Be7 6.Qg3 d5 7.Nd2 0-0 8.c3 b5 9.Nh3 d4 10.c4 Ne8 11.cxb5 Bh4 12.Qf3 Nb4 13.Bd1 f5 14.a3 Nd6 15.axb4 fxe4 16.Qh5 Bxh3 17.g3 Qf6 0-1 (23) Osmolovsky (2660)-5.00 00 6.a4 (2671) 101/(417) Cali 2007 (3.2) 18.Bb3+ Kh8 19.f3 exf3 20.Kf2 Bg5 21.Nxf3 g6 22.Bxg5 Qf5 23.Qxh3 Qxf3+ 24.Ke1 Qxh1+ 25.Ke2 Qxa1 0-1 Nakamura,H (2660)-Volokitin,A (2671) 6th YM Lausanne SUI 2005 (3.2)]

[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 *(4...d5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0* Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1*)* 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)]

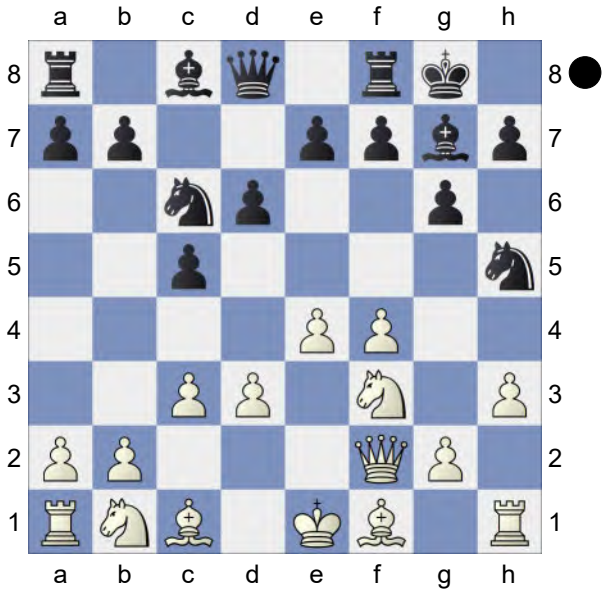
3...d6 4.d3 Nc6 5.c3 g6



6.f4 Bg7 Black is more active. **7.Nf3 0-0 8.h3** -1.44/17

[⌓8.Qf2 -0.94/19]

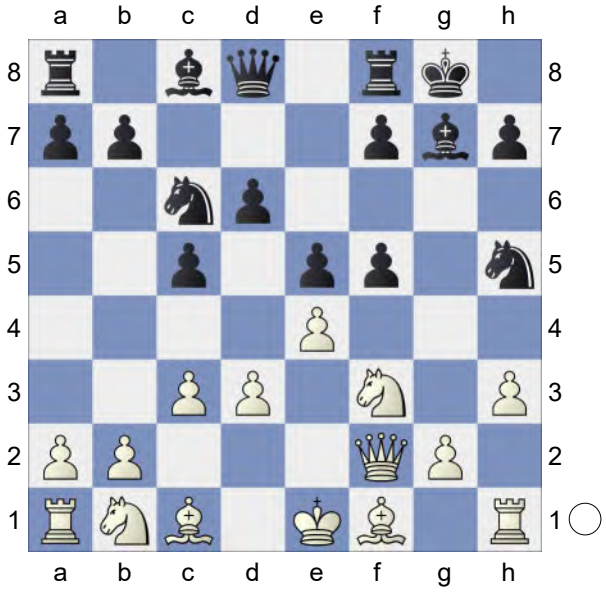
8...Nh5∓ 9.Qf2



Wards off Ng3 **9...e5** -0.76/17

[⌓9...Bh6! -1.57/18 10.g3 e5]

10.f5 gxf5



11.exf5 d5

[11...Bxf5?! 12.g4±]

12.g4 Nf4 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxf4 Re8 15.Kd1 Qb6 -0.65/16

[15...Bd7∓ -1.12/17]

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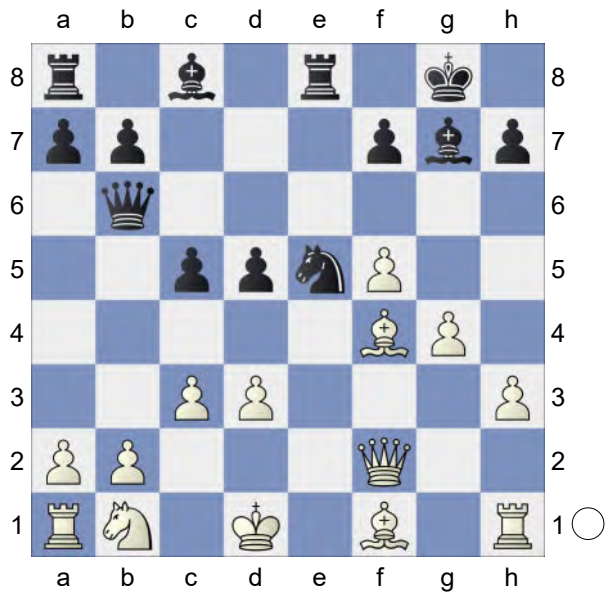

This move loses the game for White.
16.Qc2 -2.09/19
[16.Rg1∓ -0.65/16]
16...c4 17.Bxe5 -2.79/18
[⌓17.d4 -1.82/17 Nd3 18.Bxd3 cxd3 19.Qb3]
17...cxd3
[17...Rxe5 18.d4 Re3 19.Qf2-+]
18.Bxd3 Bxg7 is the strong threat.
18...Rxe5
[18...Bxe5 19.Rf1∓]
19.Nd2 -1.90/17
[19.Qb3∓ -1.53/17 might work better. Qf2 20.Rf1]
19...Bd7 Threatens to win with ...Re3. Black has strong compensation. **20.Nf3?** -4.18/17
[20.Qb3 -1.76/15 Qc6 21.Kc2]
20...Re3-+

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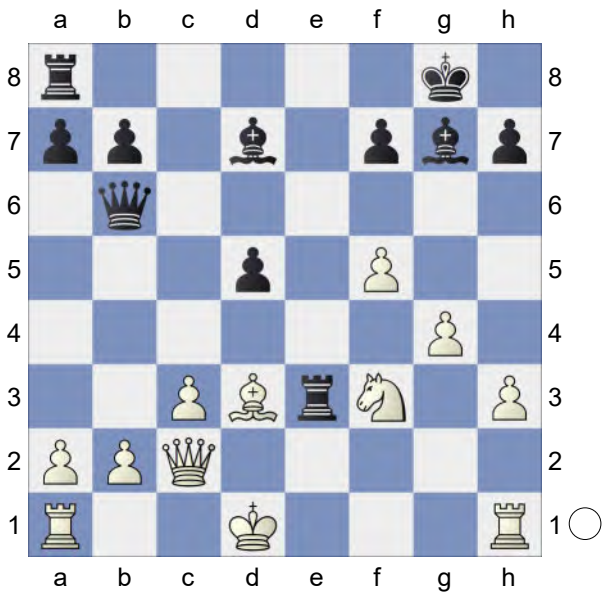

21.Rf1 Rae8 Black is clearly winning.
22.Qd2 -8.94/19
[⌓22.Nd2 -4.41/16]
22...Ba4+ -4.35/17 A strong pair of Bishops.
[⌓22...Rxd3 -8.94/19 23.Kc2 Rxd2+ 24.Nxd2 Bxc3 *(24...Ba4+? 25.b3-+)* 25.bxc3 Ba4+ 26.Kc1 Re3 27.Nb1 Re2 *(27...Rxh3* is a self mate. *28.g5 Rh2 29.Nd2 Qc5 30.Rf3 Qa3+* Deflection *31.Kb1 Rxd2 32.Rh3 Rd1#)* 28.Nd2 Qc5 *(28...Qe3 29.Kb2 Rxd2+ 30.Ka3 Qxc3+ 31.Kxa4 Rd4+ 32.Kb5 Qb4#)* 29.Nb1 Qe3+ 30.Nd2 Qxd2+ 31.Kb1 Qc2#]
23.b3 -6.91/20
[⌓23.Kc1 -4.35/17]

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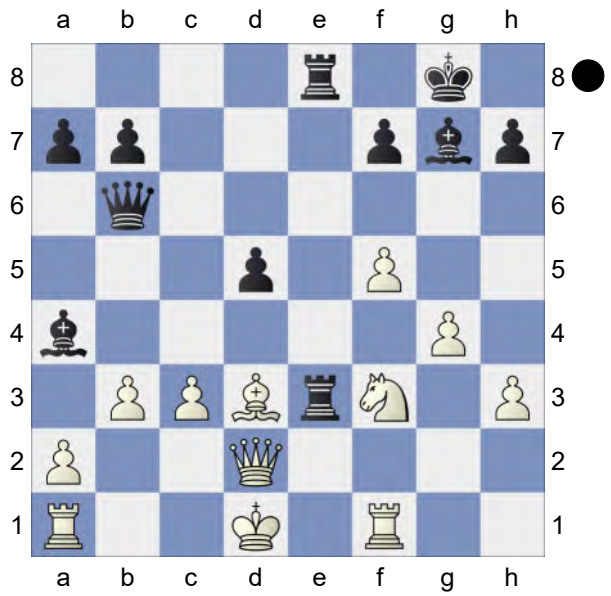
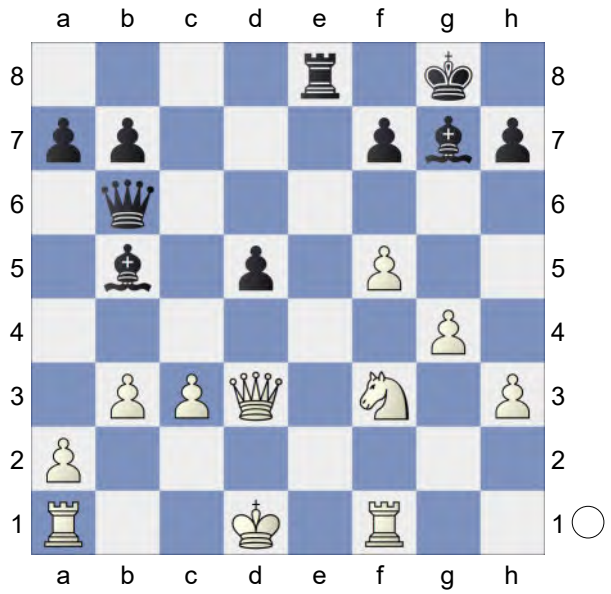


23...Rxd3! 24.Qxd3

Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/ Black=0.68

24...Bb5



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53 **B20**

□ **Chessm1105** **2718**

■ **Lanchester1** **2622**

Blitz 18.09.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Nc3N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-

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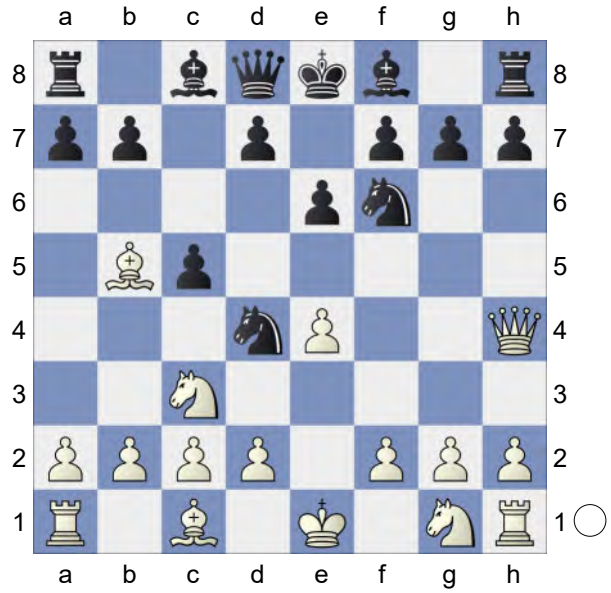
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Nd4



6.Ba4 -1.51/20
[⌓6.Bd3 -1.03/19]
6...Be7 7.Qg3 -1.82/16
[7.Nge2∓ -1.20/19]
7...0-0-+ 8.Nf3 Black is clearly better.
8...d5 -1.18/19
[8...d6-+ -2.16/20 and ...e5 would now be decisive 9.d3 e5]
9.e5 -1.83/20
[9.Nxd4∓ -1.18/19 cxd4 10.e5]
9...Ne4 -0.55/19
[9...Nh5-+ -1.83/20 10.Qg4 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 g6]
10.Nxe4∓ dxe4

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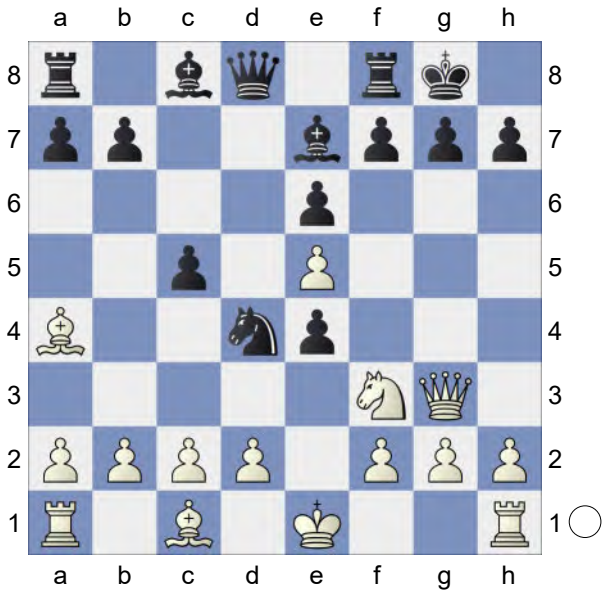
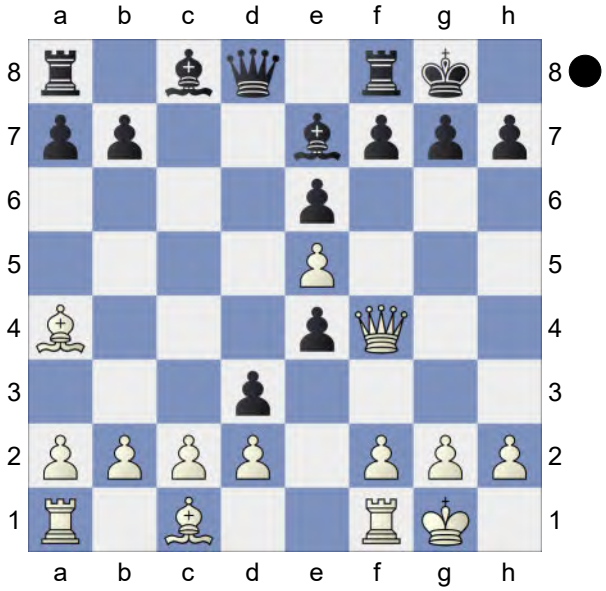


11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.0-0 d3↑ Black has the initiative. **13.Qf4** -1.12/20
[13.cxd3= -0.17/22 remains equal. Qxd3 14.Qe3]



13...Qd4!∓ 14.Bb3 f5 Black is much more active. **15.exf6** -2.20/22
[15.cxd3∓ -0.90/21 Qxd3 16.Qg3]
15...Rxf6-+
[15...Bxf6 16.Qg4=]

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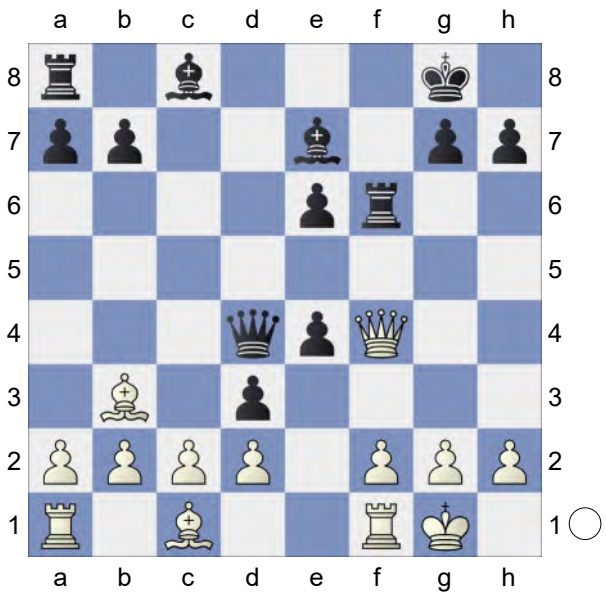
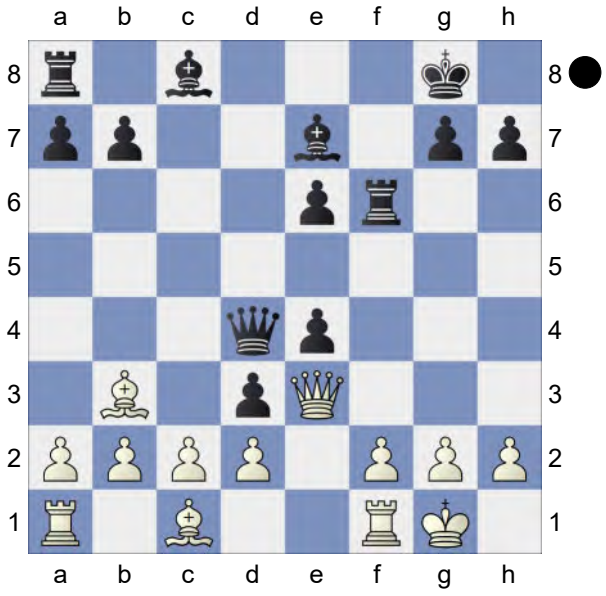
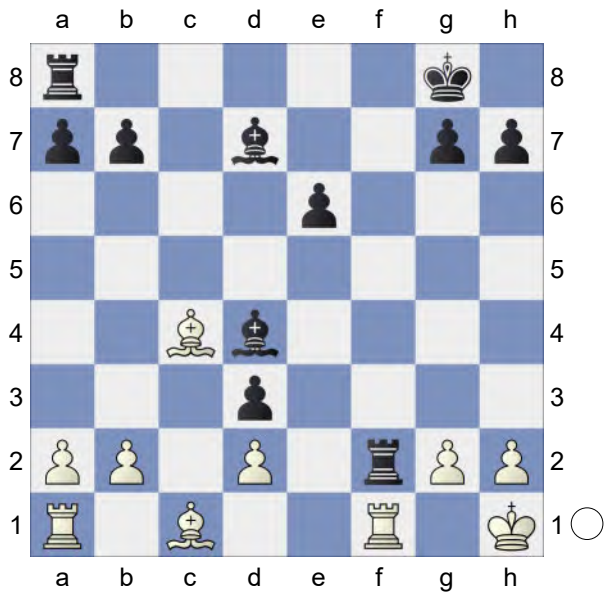


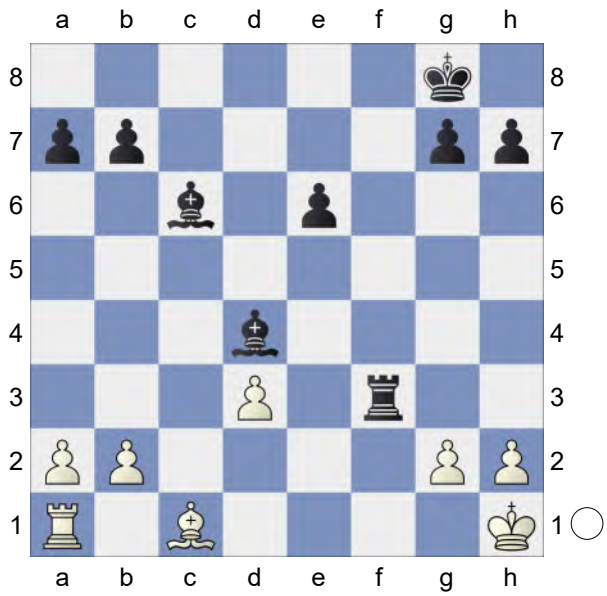
16.Qe3



Bc5 17.cxd3 -2.62/20
[17.Qxd4∓ -1.30/20 Bxd4 18.c3]
17...exd3 18.Qxd4 Bxd4 19.Bc4 -4.00/24 White is weak on the dark squares
[⌓19.Kh1 -2.58/20]
19...Bd7 20.Kh1
[20.Bxd3? is the wrong capture. Raf8 21.h3 Rxf2 *(21...Bxf2+? 22.Kh1-+)* 22.Rxf2 Rxf2-+]
20...Rxf2
(Diagram)



21.Rxf2 Bxf2 22.Bxd3 -3.42/23
[⌓22.b4 -2.32/20 b5 *(22...Bd4? 23.Rb1-+)* 23.Bxd3]
22...Bd4 23.Be4 Rf8 24.Bf3 -4.71/20
[24.g3 -3.33/19 is a better defense.]
24...Bc6 (-> ...Rxf3) **25.d3** -10.43/19
[⌓25.h3 -4.68/19 Be5 *(25...Bxf3? 26.gxf3 Rxf3 27.Kg2-+)* 26.d4 Bxd4 27.Bd2 Bxf3 *(27...Bxb2? 28.Rb1-+)* 28.gxf3 Rxf3 *(28...Bxb2? 29.Rb1-+)* 29.Rc1]
25...Rxf3



26.gxf3

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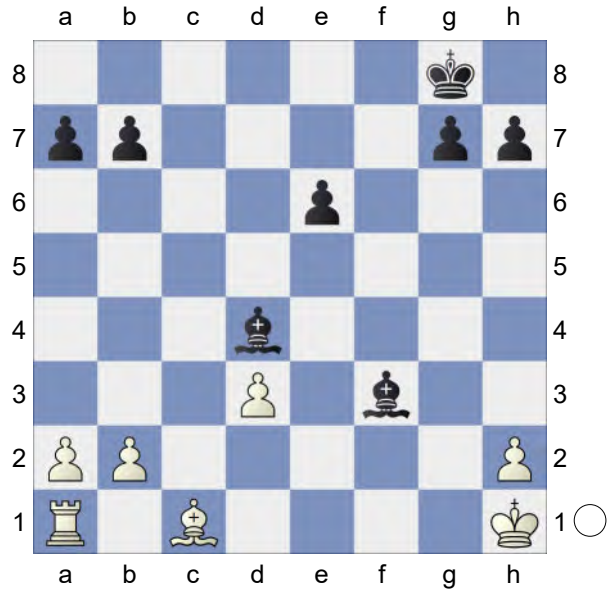
26...Bxf3#



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54 **B20**

□ **Timquaker** **2716**

■ **Drawingchest** **2615**

Blitz 23.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nc3

[5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]

5...Nf6

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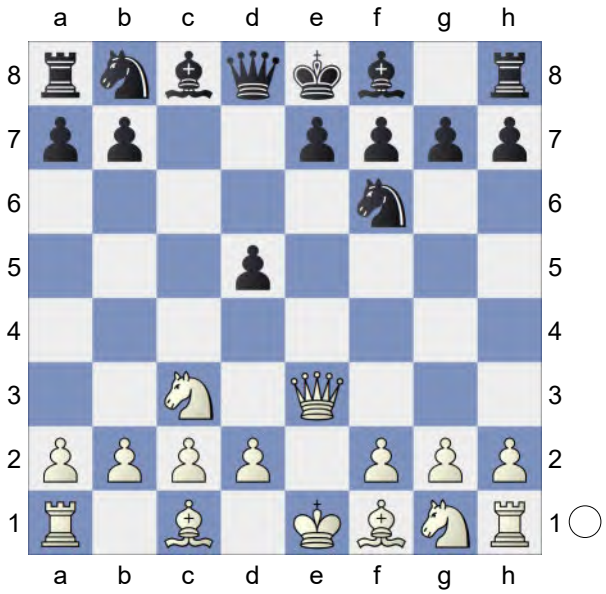


6.Nf3N

[6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]

6...Nc6 Hoping for ...d4. **7.Bb5 e6 8.b3** -0.79/19

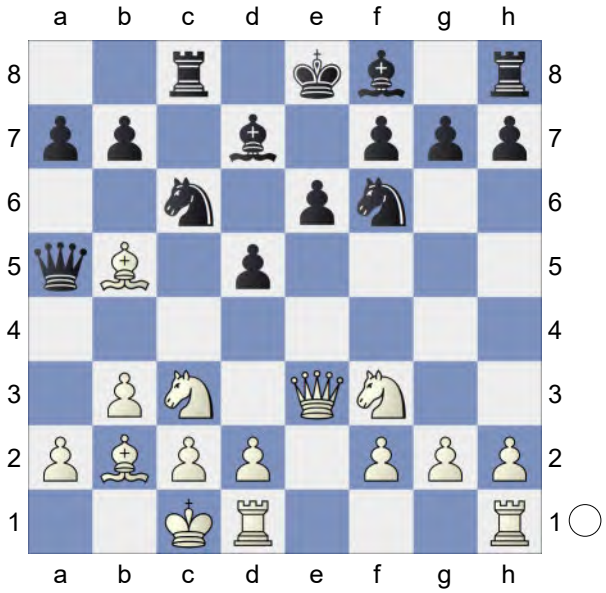
[8.d4∓ -0.40/20]

8...Bd7 9.Bb2 Rc8 10.0-0-0 -0.71/19

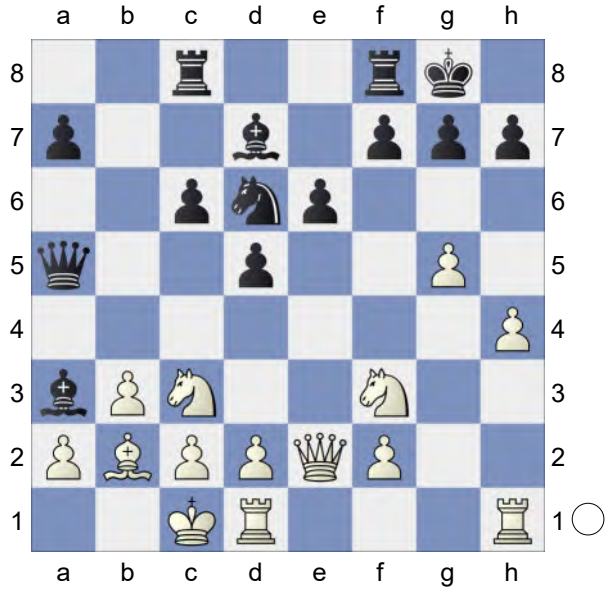
[10.Bxc6∓ -0.31/20 Rxc6 11.Qxa7]

10...Qa5 0.03/19

[10...Bd6∓ -0.71/19]



11.Qe2 -1.01/20
[11.Kb1= 0.03/19]
11...Ba3 12.Bxc6 bxc6 0.49/19
[12...Bxc6∓ -0.88/20 13.Nd4 0-0]
13.g4!± 0-0 0.99/19
[13...Bd6± 0.43/18]
14.g5!± Ne8 15.h4 Nd6



16.h5? -0.94/18
[16.Ne5± 0.87/18]
16...Rb8? 1.28/16
[16...Nc4!∓ -0.94/18 17.bxc4 Rb8]
17.Ne5 Be8 1.83/19
[17...Rb7± 1.35/19 was necessary.]
18.Rhg1? -0.76/20
[Better is 18.h6+- 1.83/19 Hoping for hxg7. g6 *(18...Bxb2+ 19.Kxb2 d4 20.hxg7±)* 19.Rh4]
18...c5? 1.37/20
[18...d4∓ -0.76/20 19.Nf3 dxc3 20.dxc3 Rb6]

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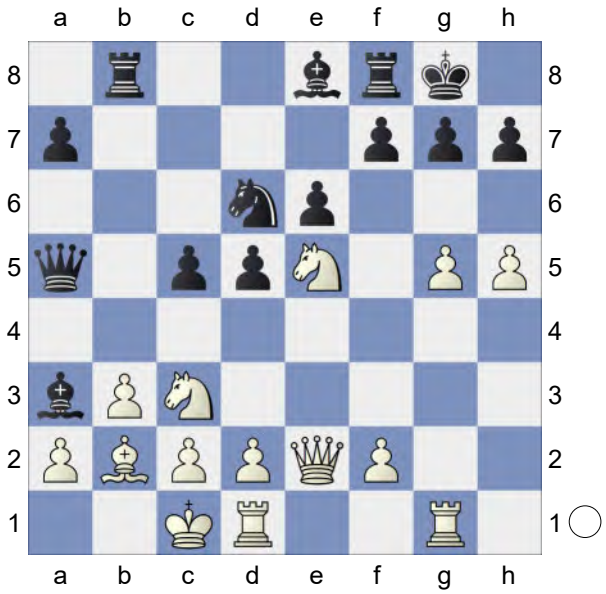
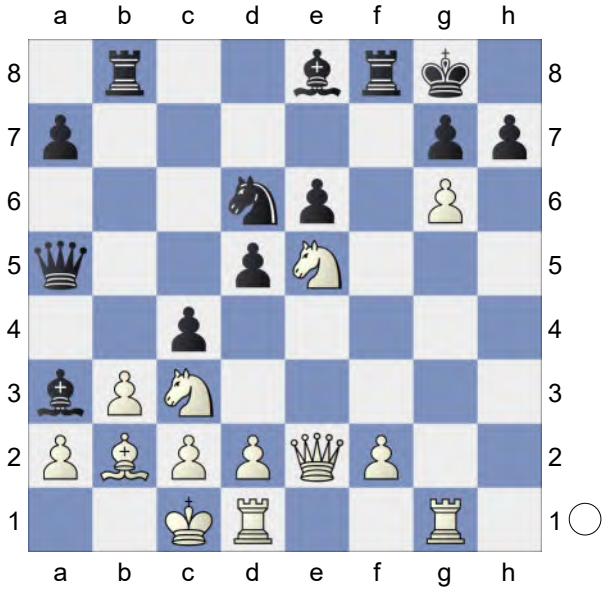


19.g6 1.00/20
[⌓19.h6! 1.37/20]
19...fxg6 20.hxg6 This move loses the game for Black. **20...c4?** 3.97/19



21.gxh7++- Kh8

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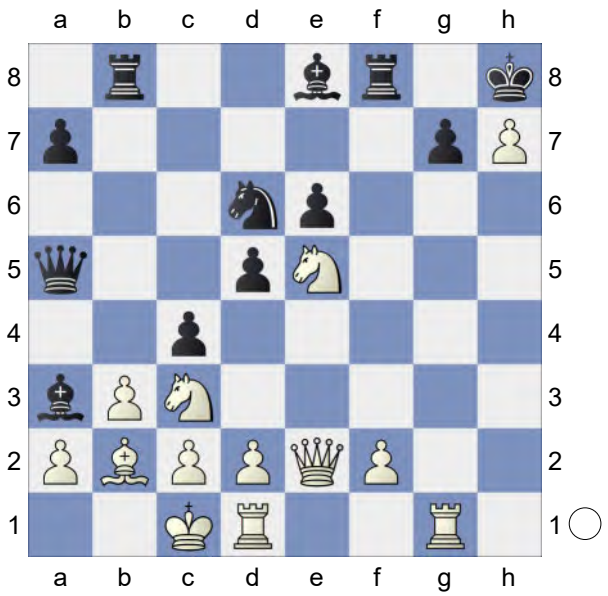

22.Rxg7! Decoy **22...Kxg7** 10.20/17
[⌓22...cxb3 4.58/16 23.Rg8+ Decoy, Zwischenzug, Promotion Rxg8 24.hxg8Q+ *(24.hxg8R+ Kxg8 25.Qg4+ Kf8+-)* 24...Kxg8 25.Qg4+ *(25.cxb3 d4+-)* 25...Kf8 26.Qf4+ *(26.cxb3 d4±; 26.Qxe6 bxa2 27.Qf6+ Nf7=; 26.axb3 d4+-)* 26...Nf5 27.Nd7+ Discovered Attack *(27.cxb3 Bd6+-)* 27...Bxd7 28.Qxb8+ Kf7 29.axb3 *(29.Qxb3 Bb4+-)* 29...d4]
23.Qg4+ Kh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=1.17
24.Rg1

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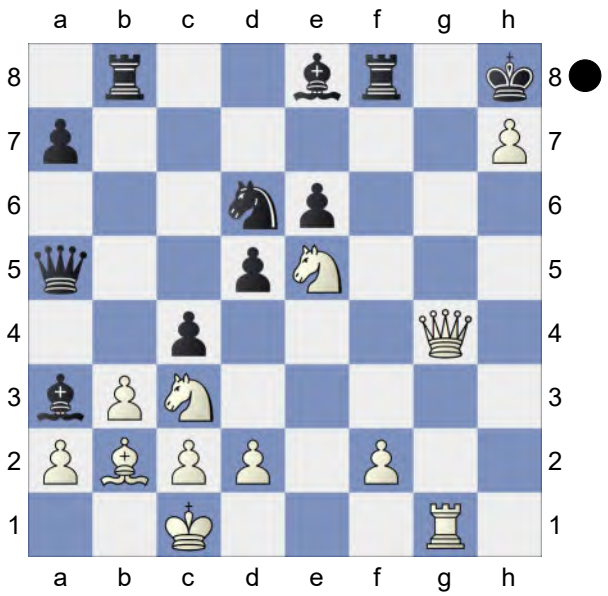

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55 **B20**
□ **Iranq** **2714**
■ **Babalaa** **2620**
Blitz 12.01.2024
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17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.e5N

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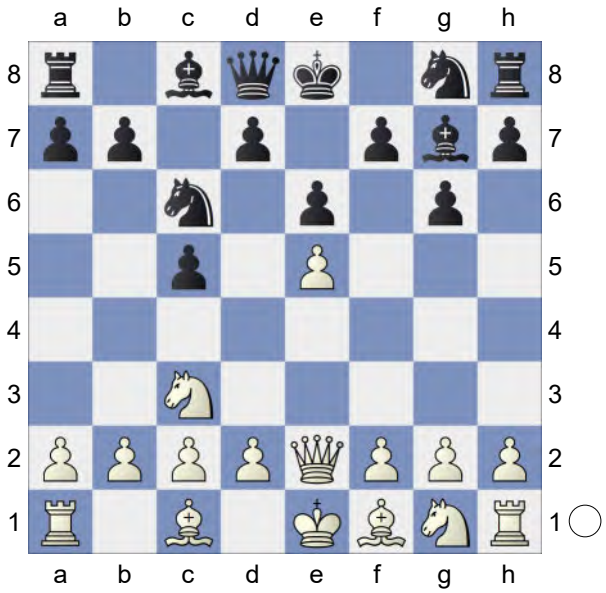


6.f4 -1.36/17

[⌓6.Nf3 -0.81/19]

6...Nge7 -0.54/19

[6...d6!∓ -1.36/17 7.Ne4 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nxe5]

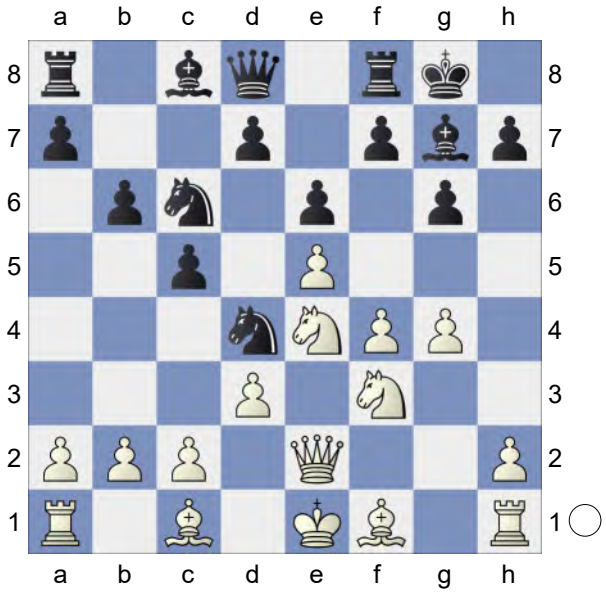
7.Nf3 -1.15/19

[7.Ne4!∓ -0.54/19]

7...0-0 8.Ne4 Black is better. **8...b6** -0.10/19

[8...Nf5!∓ -0.72/20]

9.d3 Nf5 10.g4 Nfd4



11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qf2 d5 13.exd6 -1.84/21

[13.Nf6+∓ -0.48/21 Bxf6 14.exf6]

13...Bb7 -1.47/22

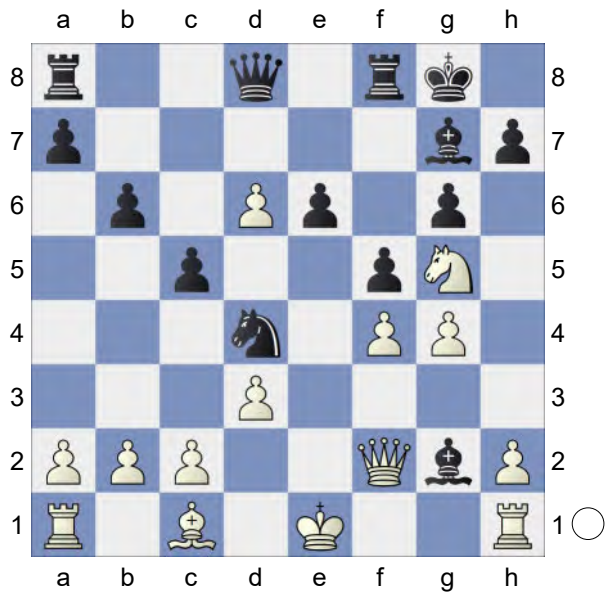
[13...f5-+ -1.84/21 14.Ng5 h6 *(14...Qxd6 15.Bg2-+; 14...fxg4 15.c3∓)*]

14.Bg2 f5 15.Ng5 -1.98/18

[15.Ng3 -1.62/19 Bxg2 16.Qxg2]

15...Bxg2-+

(Diagram)



16.Qxg2 fxg4 -1.36/19
[16...Qxd6 17.c3∓]
[16...h6-+ -1.98/21 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ *(17...Qxd6 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.h4∓)* 18.Qxf3 Qxd6]
17.0-0 -1.80/19
[17.Ne4∓ -1.36/19]
17...Qxd6 18.c3 Nf5 19.Qxg4 e5 -0.91/20
[19...Qxd3-+ -1.71/21 and ...e5 would now be decisive 20.Nxe6 Rf7]
20.fxe5∓ Qxd3 -0.23/21
[20...Bxe5∓ -0.84/22 21.Qh3 h5]

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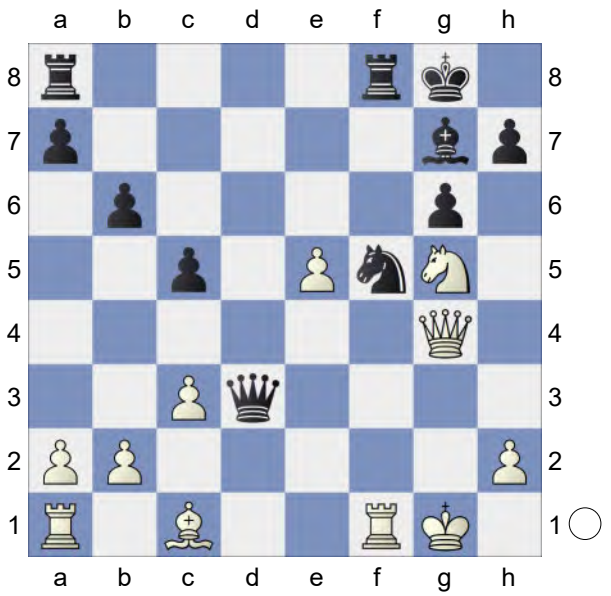
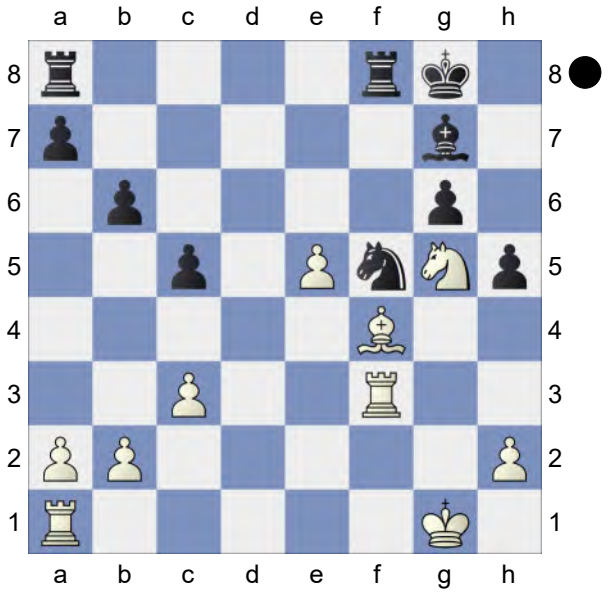
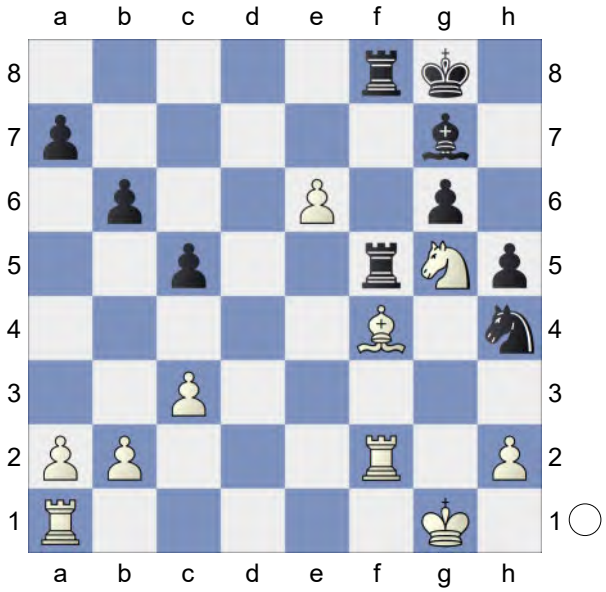


21.Bf4 -0.75/19
[21.Rd1= -0.23/21 remains equal. Ne3 22.Bxe3 *(22.Rxd3? Rf1#; 22.Qe6+? Kh8-+)* 22...Qxe3+ 23.Kh1]
21...h5 0.30/21
[21...Rae8∓ -0.75/19 22.Rad1 Qb5]
22.Qf3→ -0.07/17 White attacks.
[⌓22.Qg2 0.30/21 Nh4 23.Qc6]
22...Qxf3= 23.Rxf3 -1.18/22
[23.Nxf3= -0.07/23 was the only way to keep the balance. Ne7 24.Bg5]



23...Nh4 -0.46/23
[Black should play 23...Rae8!∓ -1.18/22 24.e6 Bh6]
24.Rf2∓ Rf5 -0.01/24
[24...Rae8∓ -0.44/19 25.Re1 Bh6]
25.e6
[25.Re1!?]
25...Raf8 0.46/19
[25...Be5= -0.21/22 26.Nh3 *(26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Nf3 Nxf3+ 28.Rxf3 Rxe6∓)* 26...Bf6]



26.e7 -0.28/23
[26.Nf7!± 0.46/19 Rd5 27.Re1]
26...Re8= 27.Re1 Bf6? 2.58/19
[27...Bh6∓ -0.42/19 stays ahead. 28.Nh3 g5 29.Bxg5 Rxg5+ 30.Nxg5 Bxg5]

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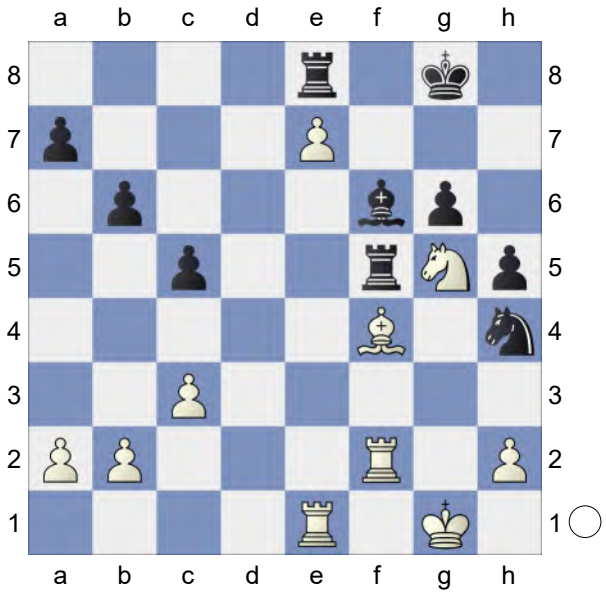
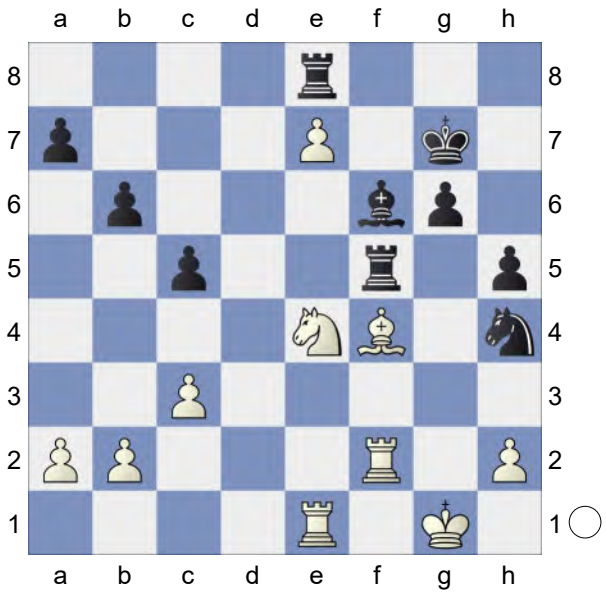


28.Ne4!+- Kg7? 4.99/22
[28...Bxe7 2.58/20 might work better. 29.Nd6 Ref8 30.Nxf5 Nxf5]



29.Bh6+! Deflection, Promotion
29...Kxh6 What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.68
30.Nxf6

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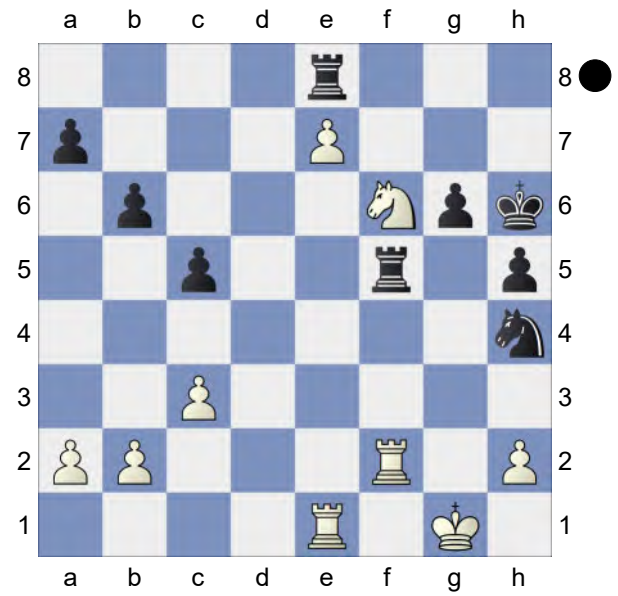

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□ **Salman,Fatima** **2713**
■ **Wastfelt,Torsten** **2675**
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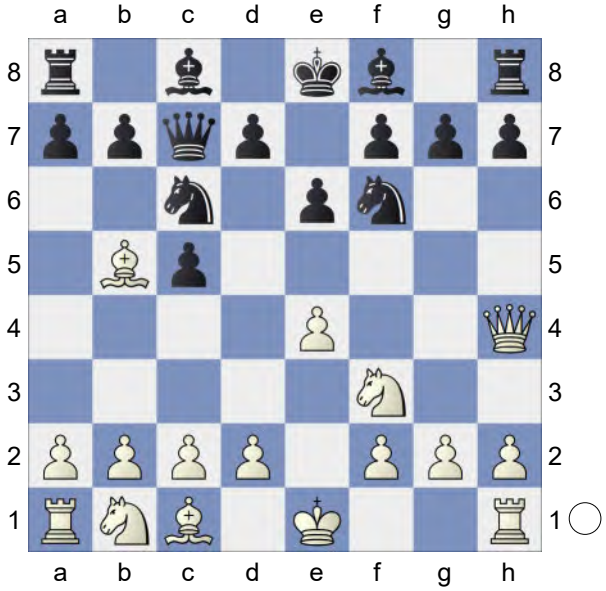
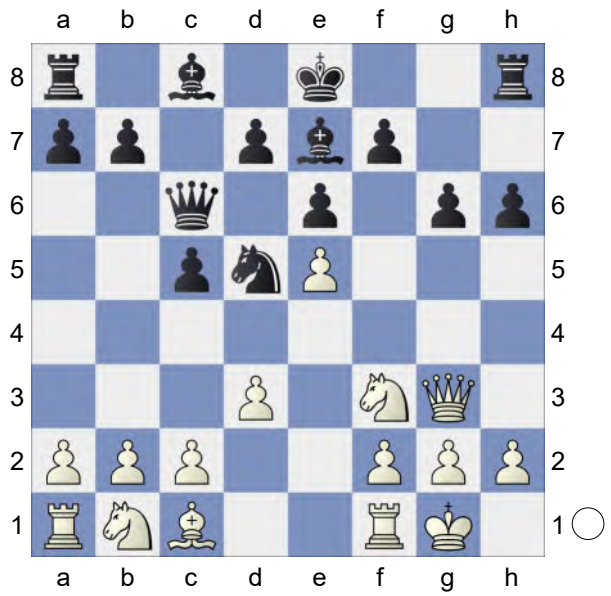
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nc6N
[3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 -0.15/21
[Black should play 5...Ne7!∓ -0.84/20]

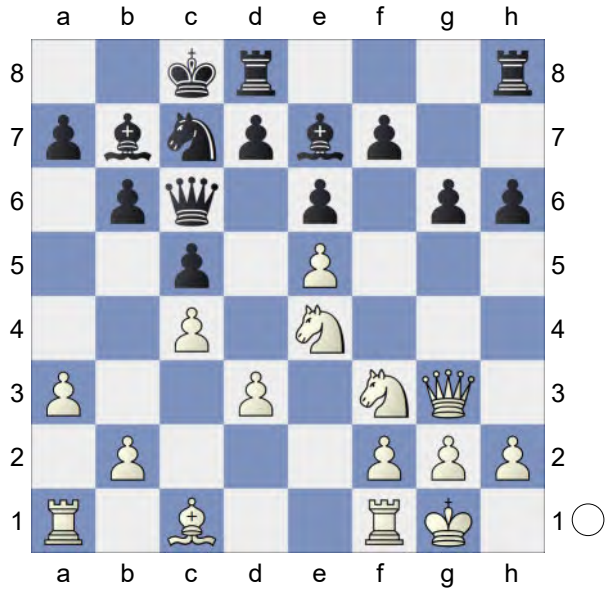


6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5
The position is equal. **8...Nd5 9.Qg3 g6** 0.68/21
[9...0-0∓ -0.36/19]
10.d3± h6

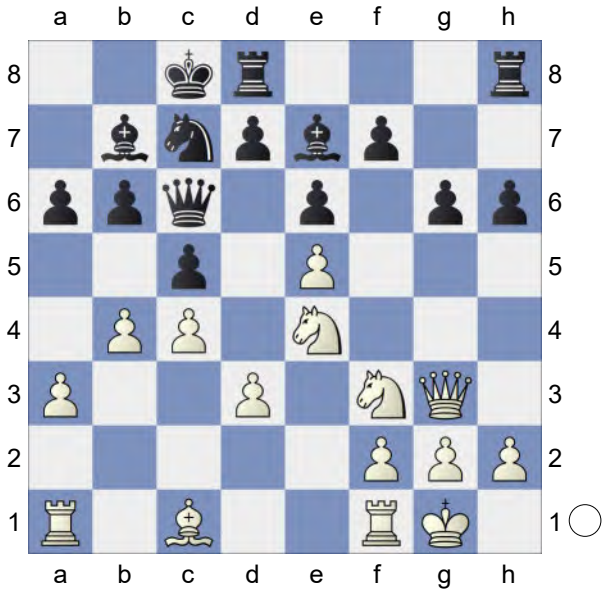
(Diagram)



11.Nbd2 0.34/17
[11.a3± 0.76/21]
11...b6 1.10/22
[11...Nb4± 0.34/17]
12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 b4! would now be deadly. **14...0-0-0?** 2.91/20
[14...Kf8± 1.18/18 might work better.]



15.b4 1.18/19
[15.Nd6+!+- 2.91/20 and the rest is easy. Bxd6 16.exd6]
15...a6? 3.55/21
[15...Ne8± 1.18/19]



16.bxc5 bxc5
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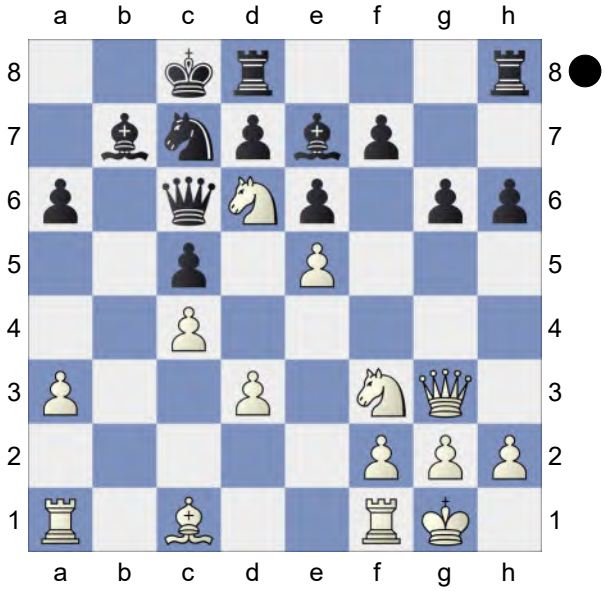
17.Nd6+



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57 **B20**
□ **Shinzouwosasageyo** **2712**
■ **Metan0la** **2790**
Blitz 22.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 Be7N
[4...d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Nh2 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)]
5.e5 Nd5

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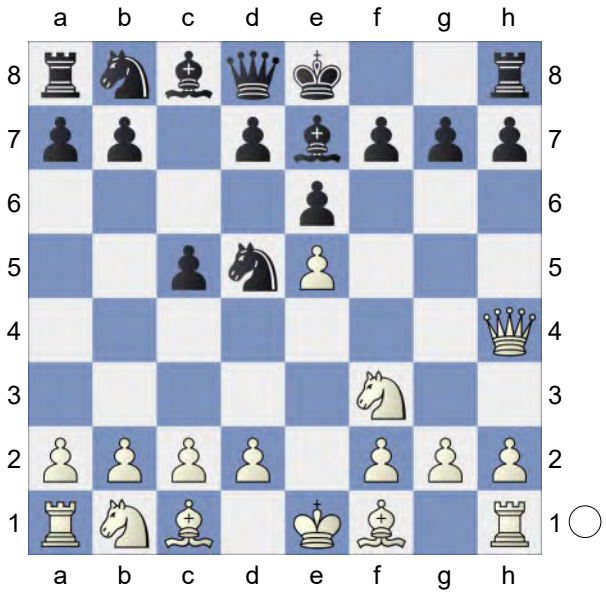
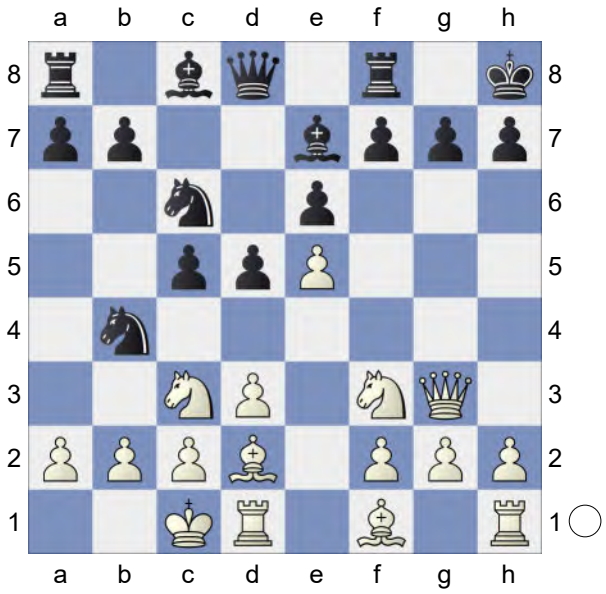
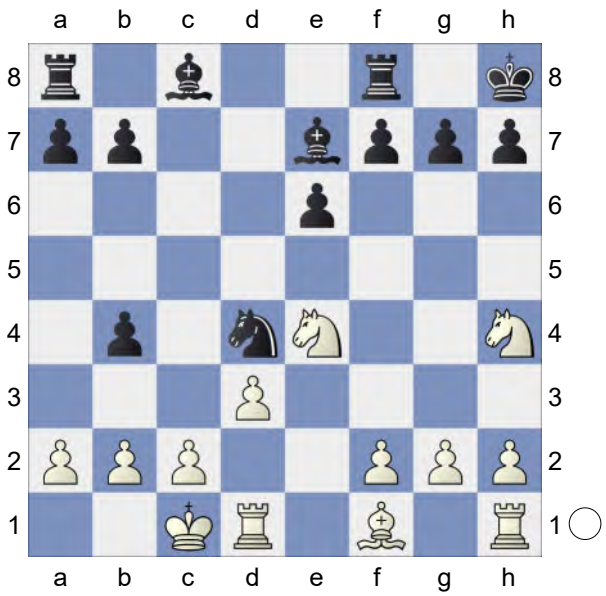


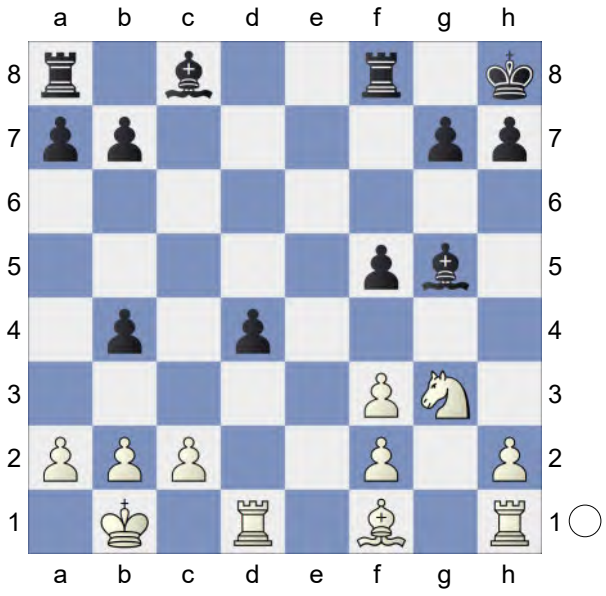
6.Qg3 0-0 7.d3 -1.09/19
[7.d4∓ -0.33/16]
7...Kh8 8.Bd2 Black is better. **8...Nc6 9.Nc3 Ndb4 10.0-0-0 d5** -1.00/20
[⌓10...Nd4 -1.36/19 11.Nxd4 cxd4]



11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Qh4 Qxh4 -0.25/16
[12...Be7!∓ -1.22/17 13.Qh5 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4]
13.Nxh4= Nd4 14.Ne4 Be7! 15.Bxb4 -2.30/20
[15.c3!= -0.22/20 and White is okay.]
15...cxb4-+



16.Nf3 Nxf3 17.gxf3 f5 18.Ng3 e5 -1.38/22
[18...Bd7-+ -1.91/20 19.Re1 a5]
19.d4∓ Bg5+ -0.76/17
[⌓19...exd4 -1.39/20 20.Kb1 a6 21.Rxd4 Be6]
20.Kb1 exd4



21.Rxd4 -1.15/21
[21.h4!∓ -0.62/20 Be7 22.Bc4]
21...a5 22.Bd3 g6 23.h4

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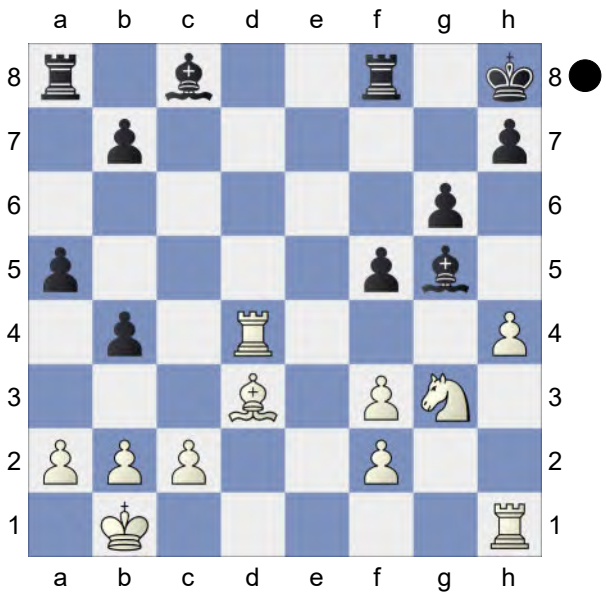
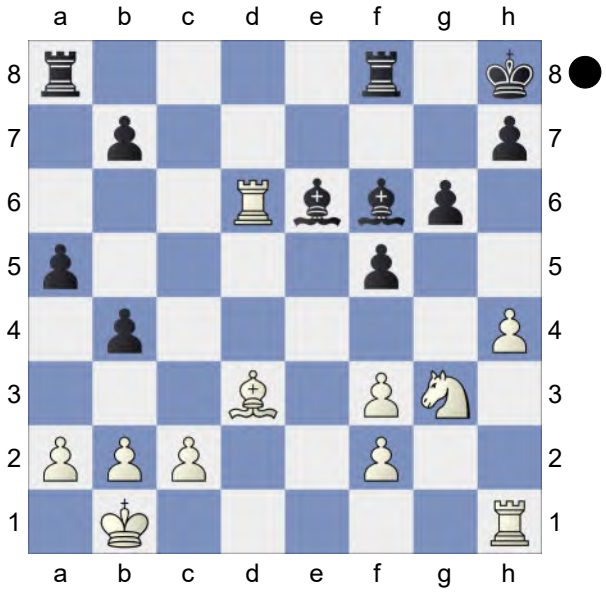


Bf6 24.Rd5 Be6 -0.91/22
[⌓24...Rd8 -1.30/21 25.Rb5 Bd4]
25.Rd6



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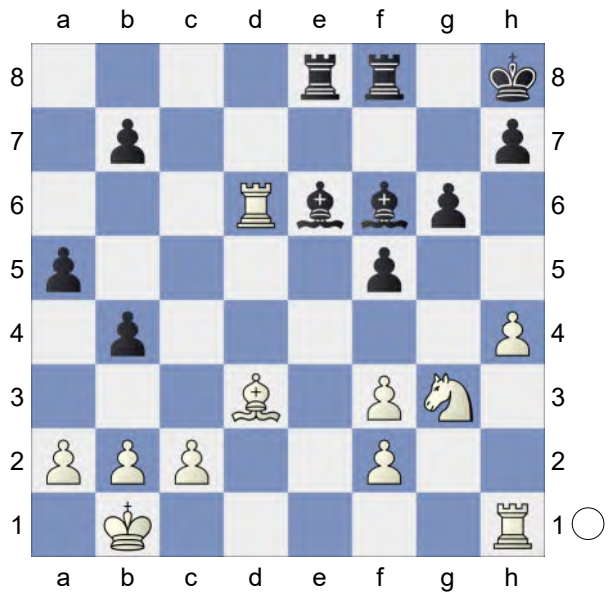

26.h5 Kg7 -0.50/21
[26...Be5∓ -0.97/20 27.Rb6 gxh5 *(27...Bd4 28.Rxb7 Kg8 29.Ne2=)*]
27.Rb6 -1.08/20
[27.Rg1∓ -0.50/21]
27...Rf7 -0.26/22
[27...Bd4∓ -1.08/20 28.Rxb7+ Rf7]
28.Rg1 Bd8 A strong pair of Bishops.
29.Rb5 -1.26/18
[29.hxg6∓ -0.42/22 Bxb6 *(29...hxg6 30.Rxe6* Remove Defender *Rxe6 31.Nxf5+ Kf6 32.Ne3∓)* 30.gxf7 Kxf7 31.Nxf5 Bxf2 32.Rf1]
29...b6? 0.32/24
[29...Kf6∓ -1.26/18 aiming for ...Rd7. 30.Ne2 Bc7 *(30...gxh5? 31.Nf4+-)*]
30.hxg6± hxg6

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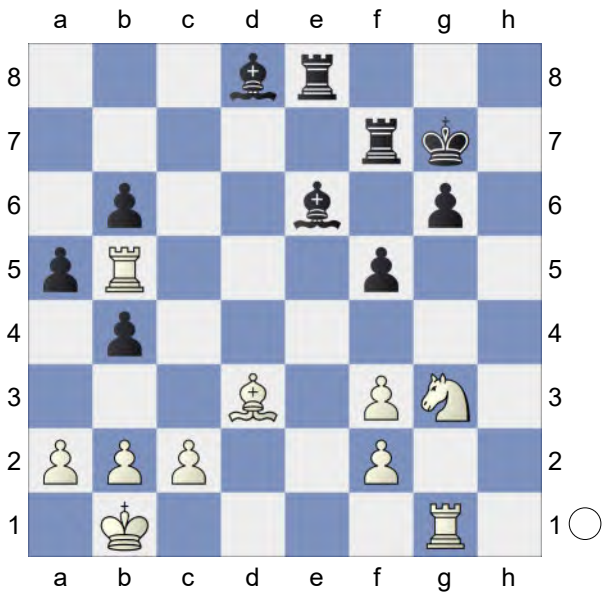
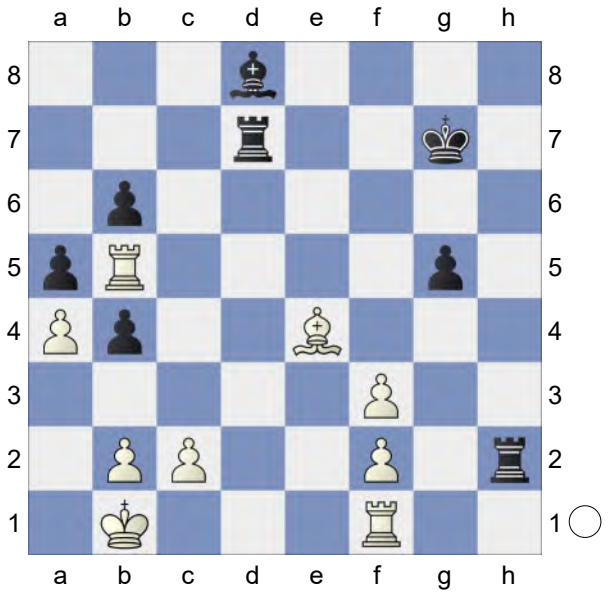
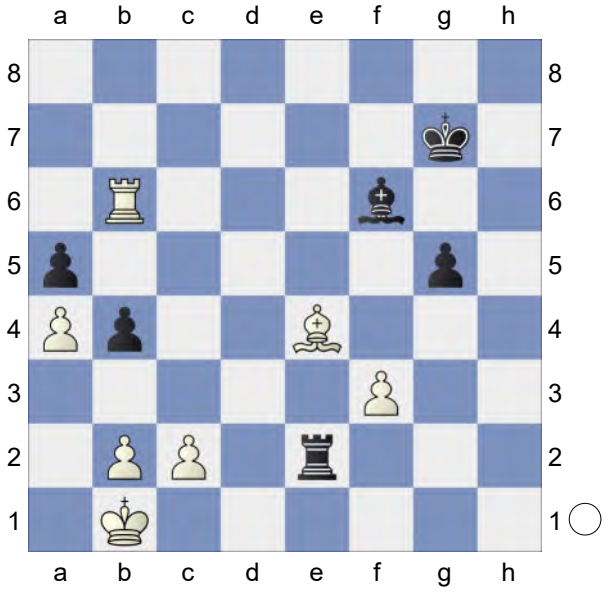


31.Nxf5+ Bxf5 32.Bxf5 g5 33.Be4 Rh8 1.33/18
[33...Re6!± 0.36/19]
34.a4 0.52/21 White is more active.
[34.Rd1± 1.33/18]
34...Rh2? 2.37/20
[34...bxa3± 0.52/21 35.bxa3 Rd7]
35.Rf1? 0.58/20
[35.Rd1+- 2.37/20 b3 36.Rxb3 *(36.Rxd8? Rh1+)*]
35...Rd7

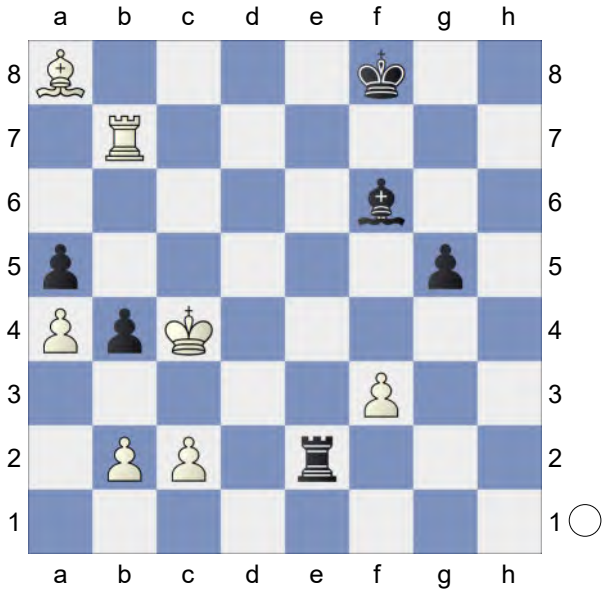


36.Re5 0.10/23
[36.f4± 0.52/20 deserves

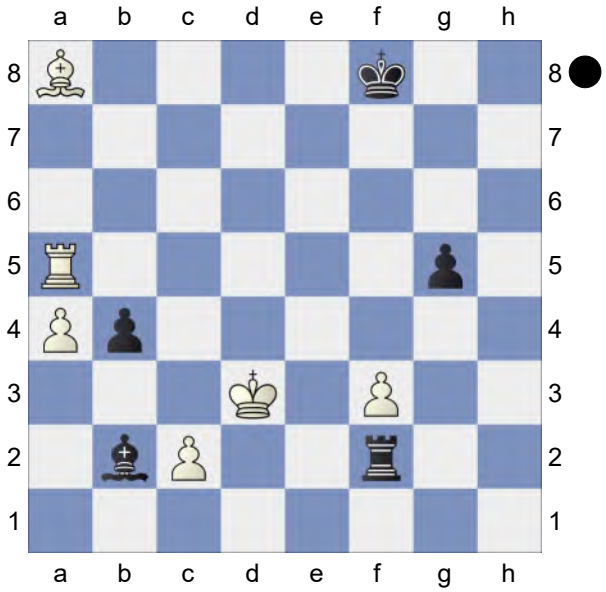
consideration.]
36...Rd2 37.Re8 Bf6 38.Re6 Rdxf2 0.44/24
[38...b3= 0.04/22]
39.Rxf2 Rxf2 40.Rxb6= Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **40...Re2**



41.Ba8 0.15/23
[41.Bd5± 0.51/21]
41...Re1+ 42.Ka2 Re2 43.Kb3 Re3+ 44.Kc4 Rb5 is the strong threat.
44...Re2 0.53/21
[44...Bxb2= 0.15/20 45.Be4 Bc1]
45.Rb7+ Kf8!



46.Kd3 Rf2 2.09/19
[Black should try 46...Rg2± 0.36/20]
47.Ra7 0.70/18
[47.Rb5+- 2.09/19]
47...Bxb2? 2.29/25
[47...b3!± 0.70/18]
What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.43
48.Rxa5



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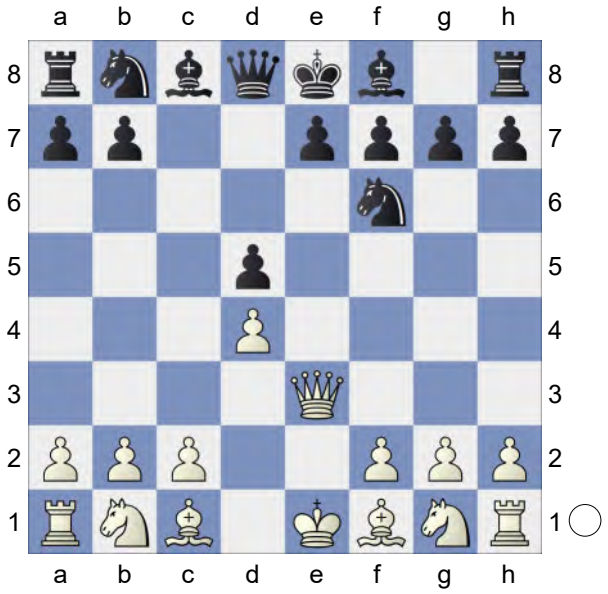
58 **B20**
□ **Chessisinmyblood** **2708**
■ **Lex6699** **2564**
Blitz 25.06.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 d5
[5...e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 b4

20.h6 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)]



6.Nf3 Nc6 7.c3N -0.46/18
[7.Bd3= 0.00/21]
[7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.b3 Rc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.Re1 Nh5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nf6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 0-0 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nbd2 e5 19.Nf1 Ne7 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxc3 1-0 (45) Marcotulli,G (2157)-Sveinsson,J (2000) Sicilian - Mack Attack 2000]
7...Bg4 0.25/21
[7...Bf5∓ -0.46/18]
8.Ne5= White has an edge. **8...Bd7** 0.62/21
[8...Bf5= 0.01/19]
9.Bd3± e6 10.Nxd7 Qxd7

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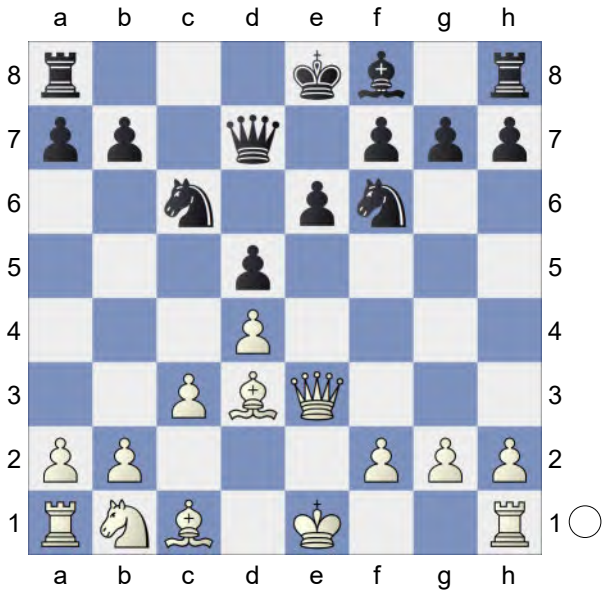
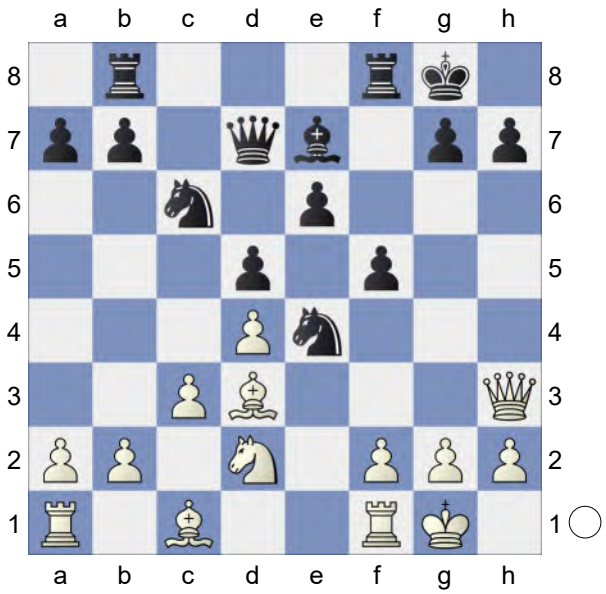
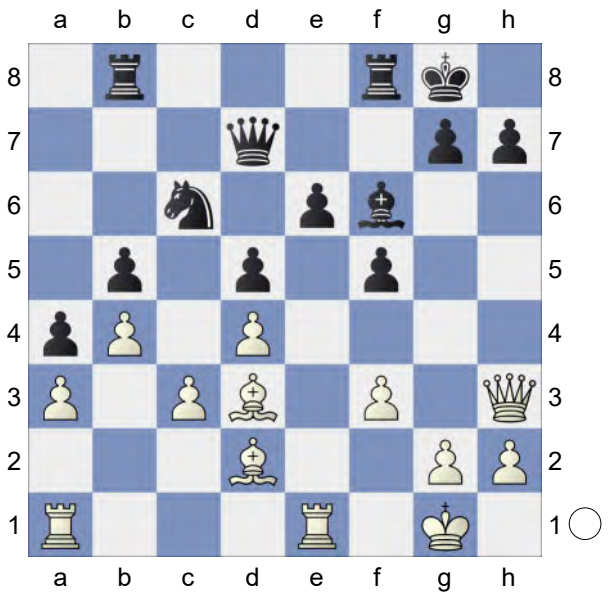


11.0-0 Be7 12.Qh3 0-0 13.Nd2 Rab8 14.Nf3 Ne4 15.Nd2 0.46/22
[15.Bf4± 0.85/18]
15...f5

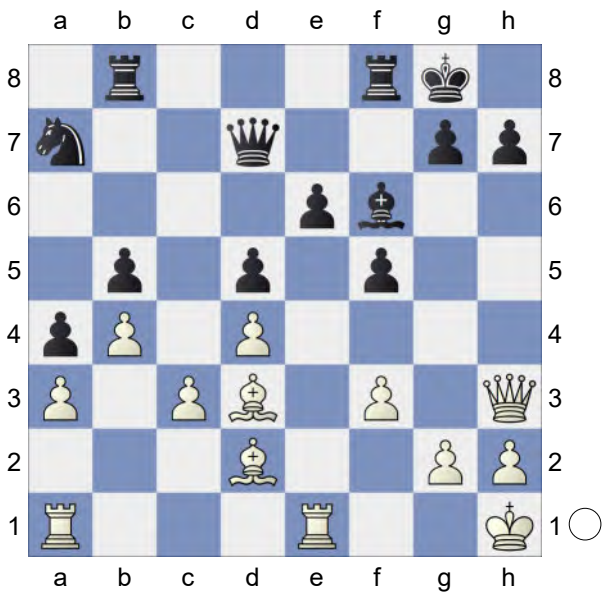


16.f3 -0.06/22
[16.Nxe4± 0.57/20 dxe4 17.Bb5]
16...Nxd2 17.Bxd2 b5 18.a3 a5 19.b4 Bf6 20.Rfe1 a4

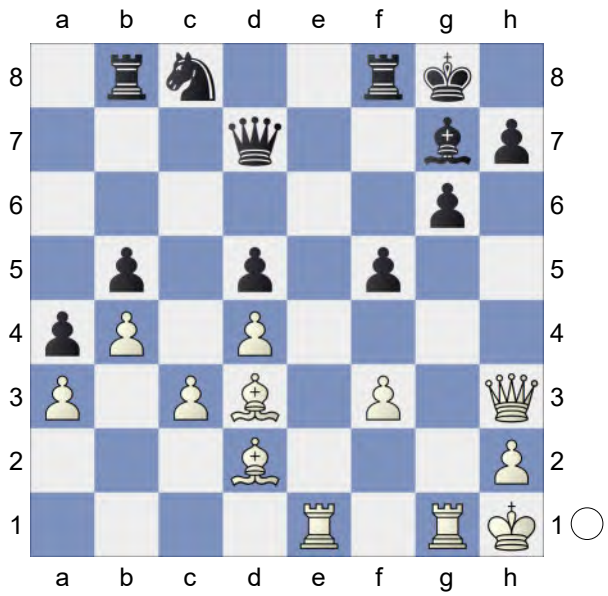
(Diagram)



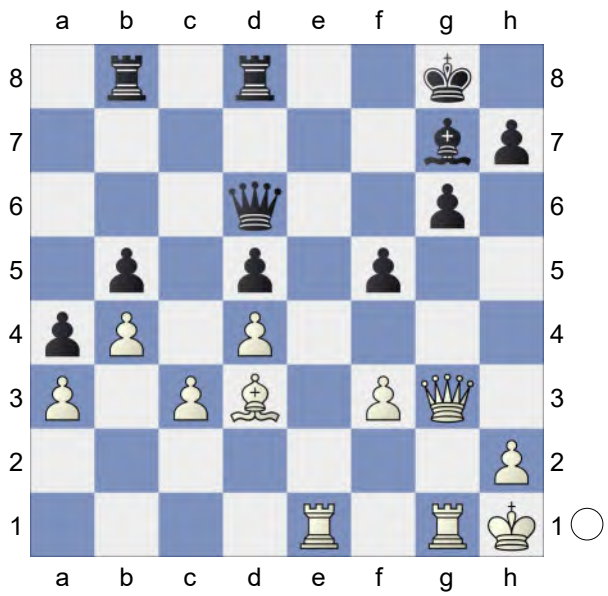
21.Kh1 Bf4 is the strong threat.
21...Na7? 3.43/24
[Black should play 21...Bd8± 0.62/22]



22.g4? 1.15/21
[22.Rxe6!+- 3.43/24 and the rest is easy. Bg5 *(22...Qxe6? perishes. 23.Bxf5+-)* 23.Bxf5 *(23.Bxg5 Qxe6 24.g4 Qc6±)* 23...Rxf5 24.Qxf5 Bxd2 25.Qe5]
22...g6± 23.Rg1 Bg7 24.Rae1 Nc8 25.gxf5 White is more active. **25...exf5**
(Diagram)



26.Qg3↑ White fights for an advantage.
26...Nd6 27.Bf4 Rfd8? 4.45/20
[27...Rb6± 0.76/19]
28.Bxd6+- Remove Defender **28...Qxd6**



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29.Re8+!!

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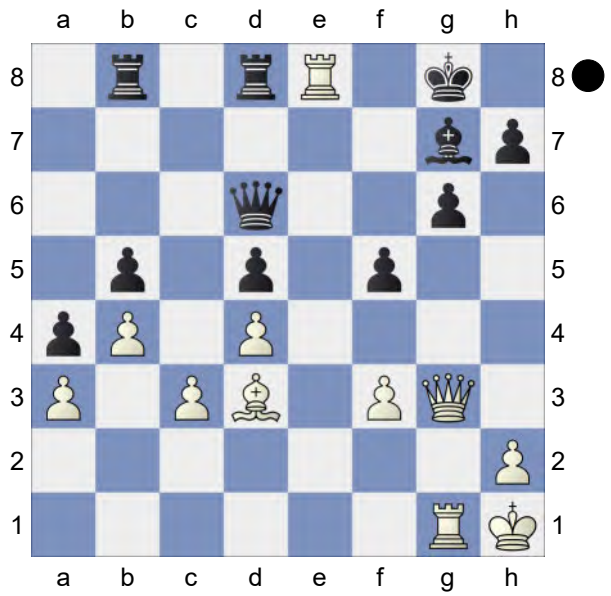

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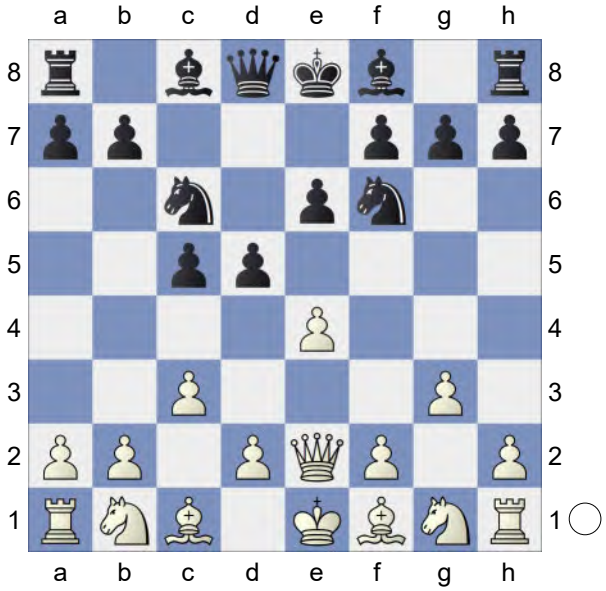
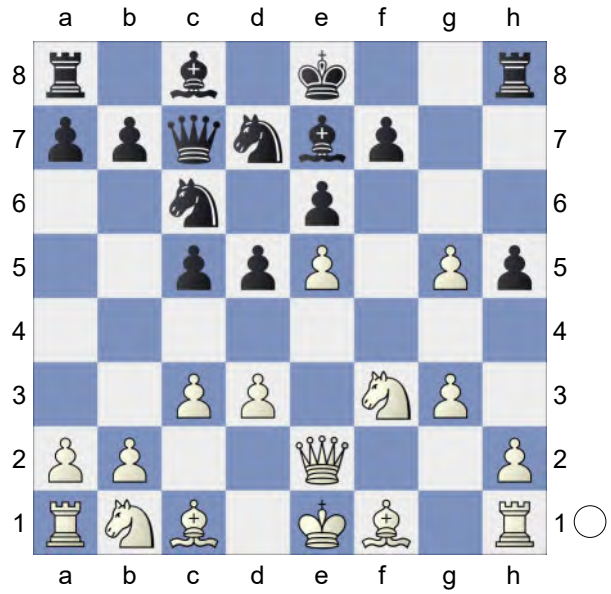
59 **B20**
□ **Sillymaster** **2707**
■ **Naaas** **2641**
Blitz 05.04.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.c3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nf6 4.Qe2 Nc6 5.g3 d5

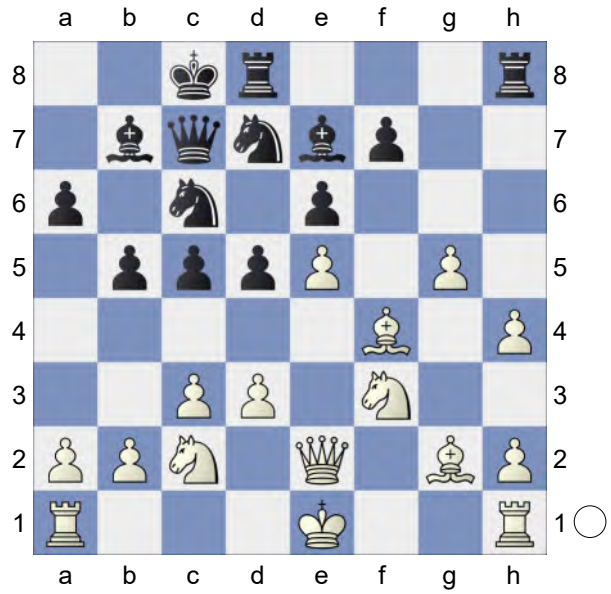


6.e5 Nd7 7.f4 g5 0.17/18
[7...c4∓ -0.90/19]
8.d3= The position is equal. **8...h5 9.Nf3 Be7** 1.39/18
[9...g4= 0.11/19 remains equal. 10.Ng5 Bh6]

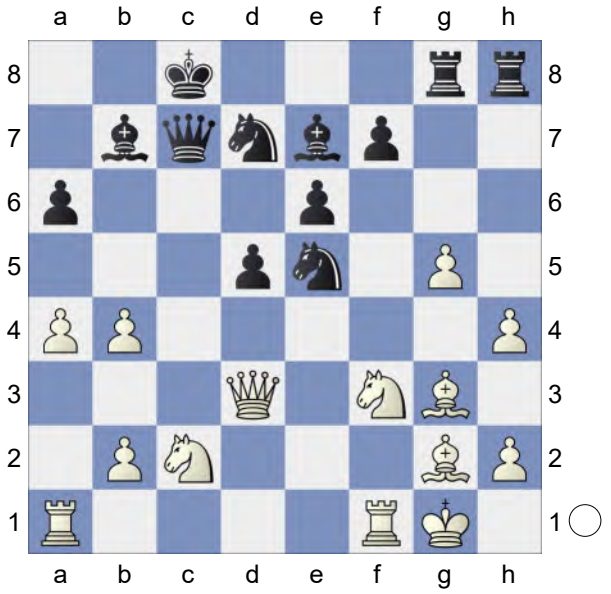
10.fxg5± Qc7



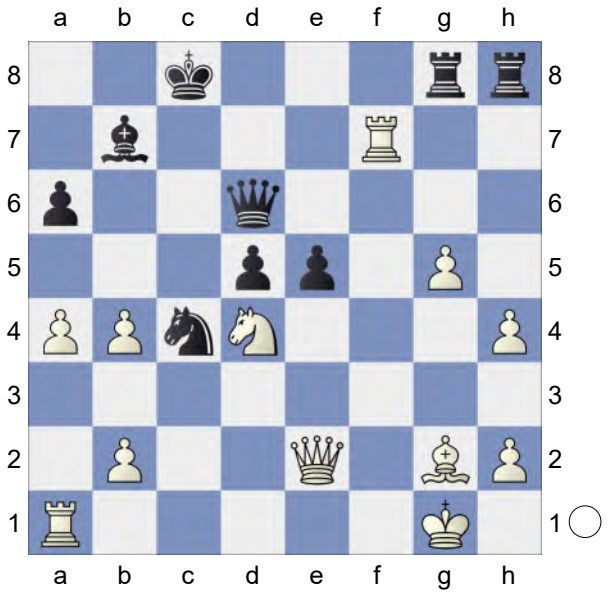
11.Bf4 b5 12.Na3 0.93/19
[White should play 12.Bg2+- 1.72/19]
12...a6 1.69/20
[12...Rb8± 0.93/19]
13.Nc2 Bb7 1.76/17
[13...b4± 1.35/17 14.cxb4 Qb6]
14.Bg2+- h4 3.00/17
[⌓14...a5 1.66/16 15.0-0 Nf8]
15.gxh4 0-0-0



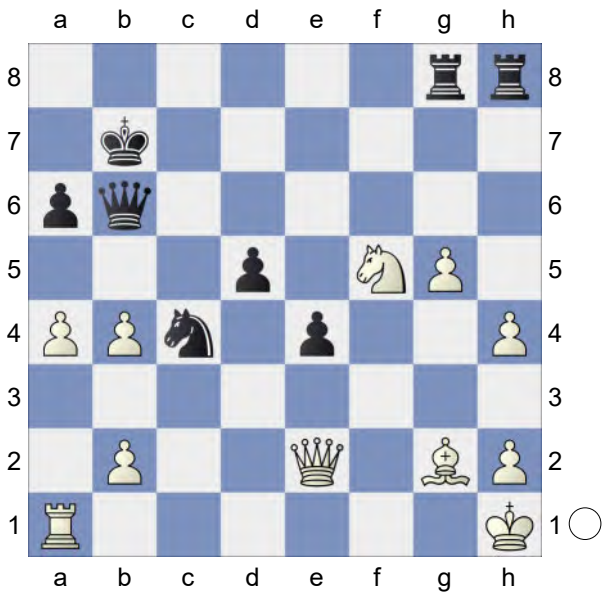
16.Bg3 Rdg8 17.a4 b4 18.cxb4 c4 19.0-0
[Don't take 19.dxc4 Nxb4 20.0-0 dxc4]
19...cxd3 20.Qxd3 Ncxe5



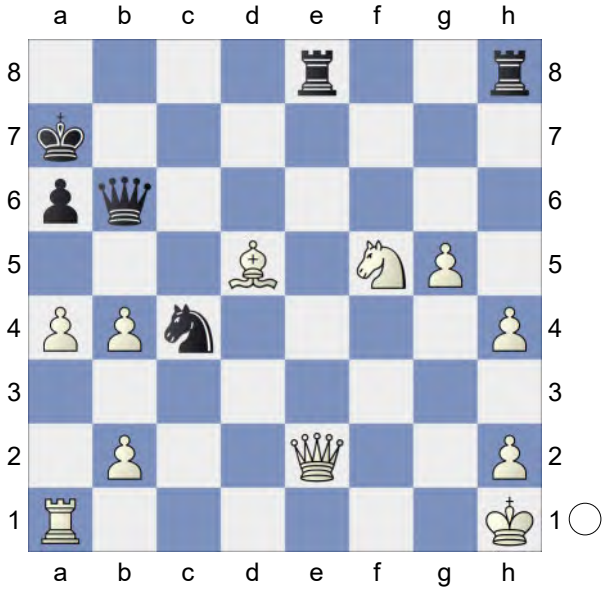
21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Qe2 Bd6 23.Nd4 Nc4 24.Bxd6 Deflection **24...Qxd6 25.Rxf7** Black must now prevent Rc1.
25...e5? 5.34/18
[25...Kb8 3.19/19 was called for. 26.Qxe6 *(26.Nxe6 Rxh4 27.h3 Ne5+-)* 26...Qxe6 27.Nxe6 Bc8]



26.Rxb7 Kxb7? 4.58/18
[26...exd4 2.67/18 27.Rf7 Rxh4]
27.Nf5 Qb6+ 28.Kh1 e4



29.Bxe4 2.14/18 **Re8?** 6.23/19
[29...dxe4 2.14/18 30.Qxe4+ *(30.Qxc4 Kb8+-)* 30...Kb8]
30.Bxd5+ White is clearly winning.
30...Ka7



31.Qxc4 Rc8

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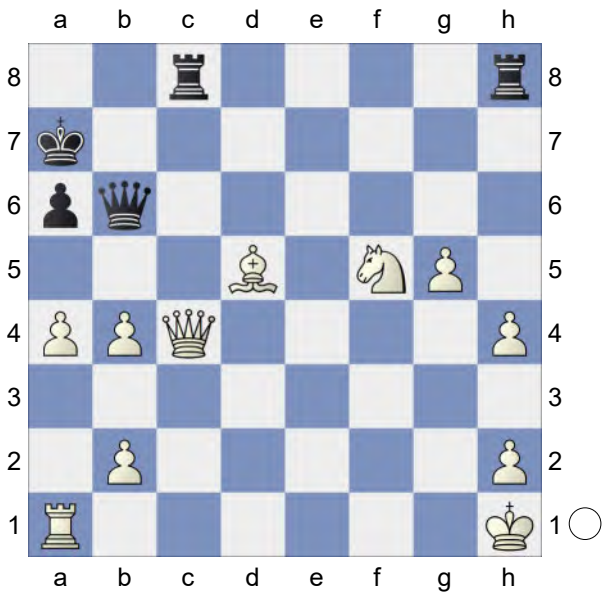
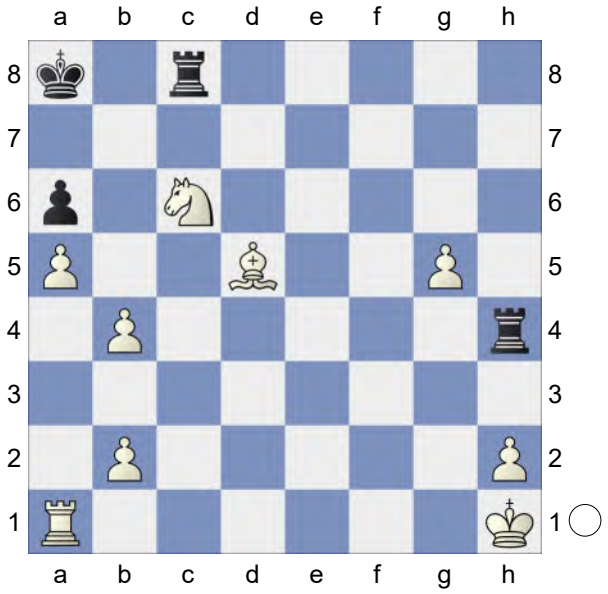


32.a5! Qf2 33.Qd4+ Qxd4 34.Nxd4 Rxh4 35.Nc6+ Ka8



36.Ne7+ Kb8 37.Nxc8 Kxc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.80
38.g6

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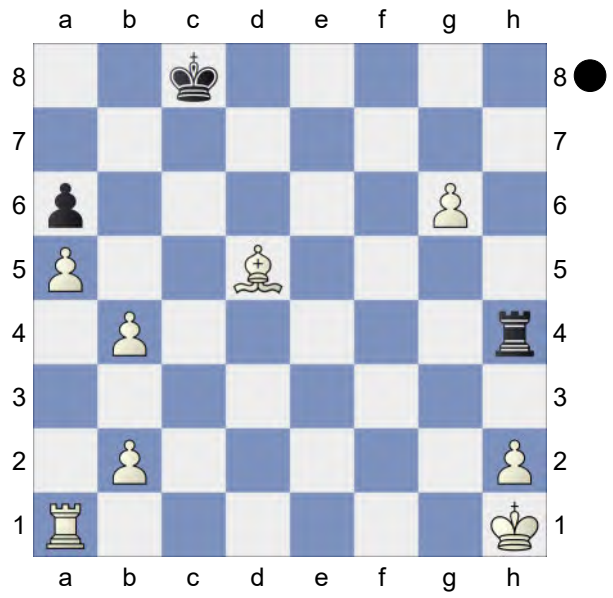

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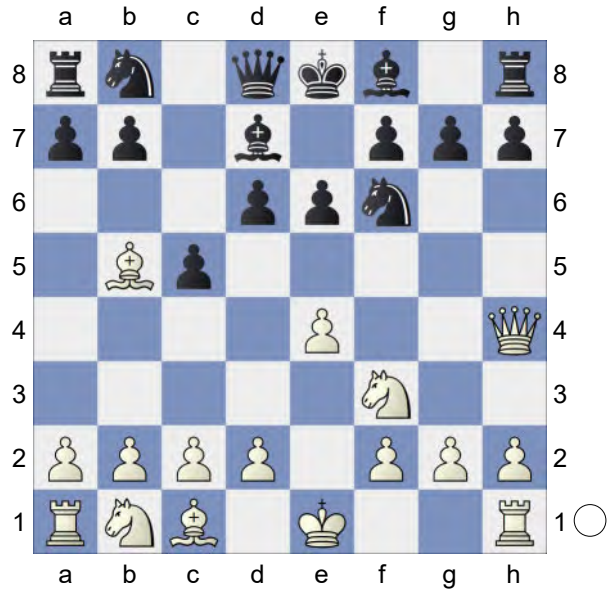
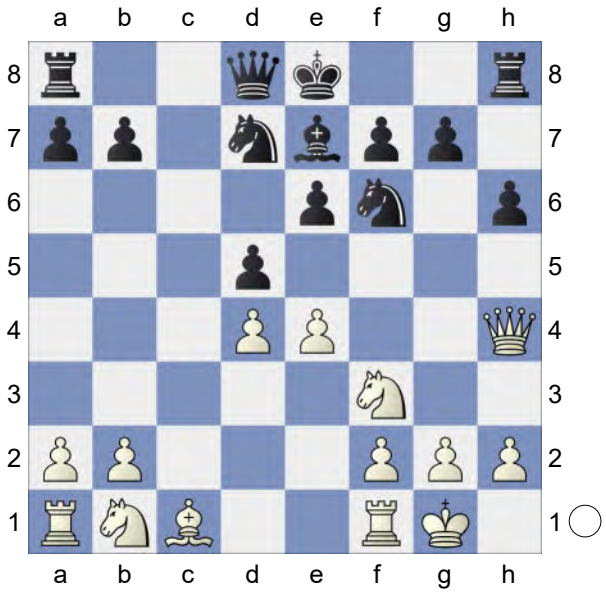
60 **B20**
□ **Fritzi** **2701**
■ **Drstrange8** **2653**
Blitz 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

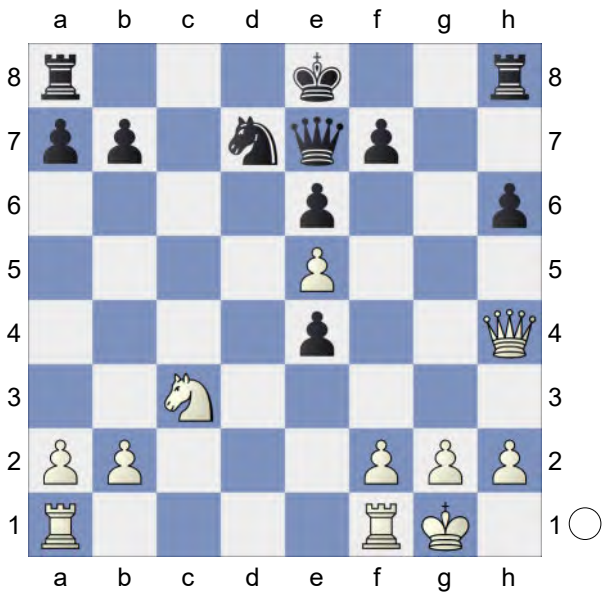
Blitz 3min
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Bb5+ Bd7



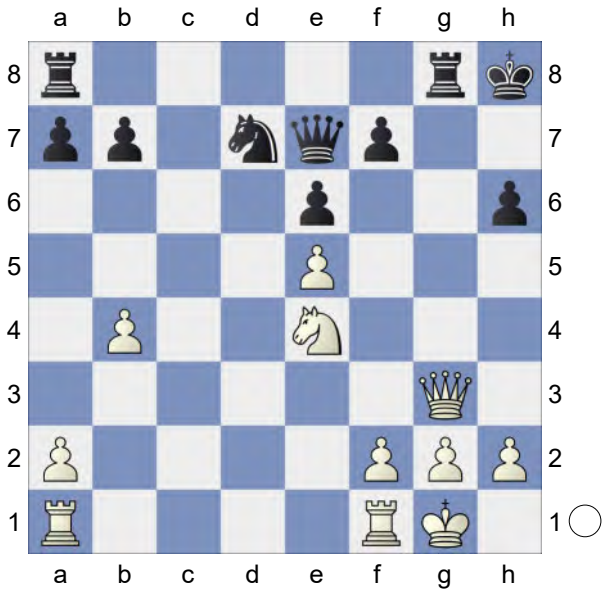
6.Bxd7+N
[6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 d5 20.f3 c4 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
6...Nbxd7 -0.19/21
[6...Qxd7∓ -0.63/23 7.d4 cxd4]
7.0-0 Be7 8.c3 -1.05/21
[8.d3= -0.19/21]
8...h6 -0.33/21
[8...c4!∓ -1.05/21 Hoping for ...Nc5. 9.d4 cxd3]
9.d4∓ cxd4 10.cxd4 d5 0.25/21
[⌓10...0-0 -0.28/23]



11.Nc3? -2.05/21
[11.e5= 0.25/21 Ne4 12.Qg4]
11...g5?? 1.97/22
[11...Nxe4-+ -2.05/21 avoids the disaster. 12.Qh3 Rc8]
12.Bxg5+- Pin **12...dxe4 13.Ne5**
[13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7]
13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7



16.Qxe4 Nc5 17.Qf3 0-0 18.b4 Nd7 19.Qg3+ 0.85/17
[19.Qxb7?! Rfb8 20.Qe4 Qxb4±]
[19.Qe3+- 3.03/18]
19...Kh8? 3.13/22
[19...Qg5± 0.85/17]
20.Ne4 Rg8



21.Qf4 Rg6 22.Rfd1 Rag8 Black is weak on the dark squares **23.g3 Nb6 24.Nf6** Dodges Nd5 **24...Rc8 25.h4 Rc4**

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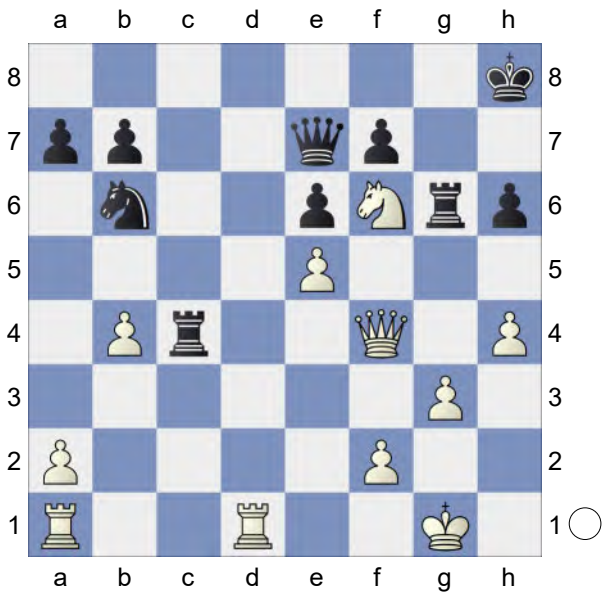
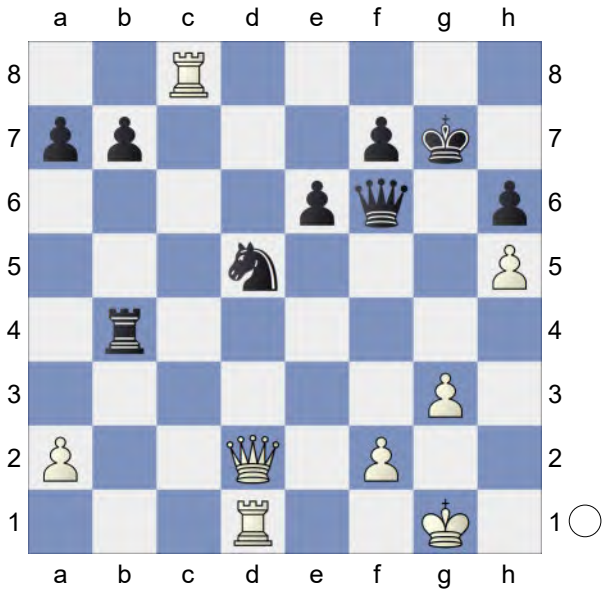
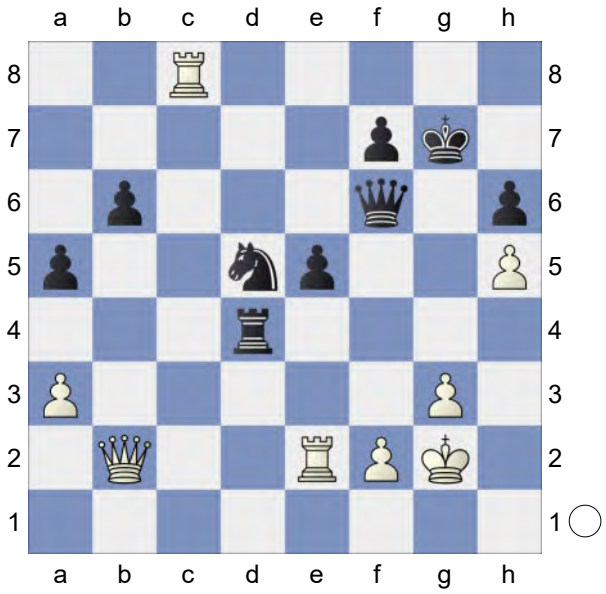


26.Qd2 Nd5 27.h5
[27.Nxd5?! exd5 28.Qxd5 Qxh4]
27...Rxf6 28.exf6 Qxf6 29.Rac1 Rxb4 30.Rc8+ 1.36/19
[30.Rb1!+- 2.73/18 is the precise move to win. Rxb1 31.Rxb1]
30...Kg7±

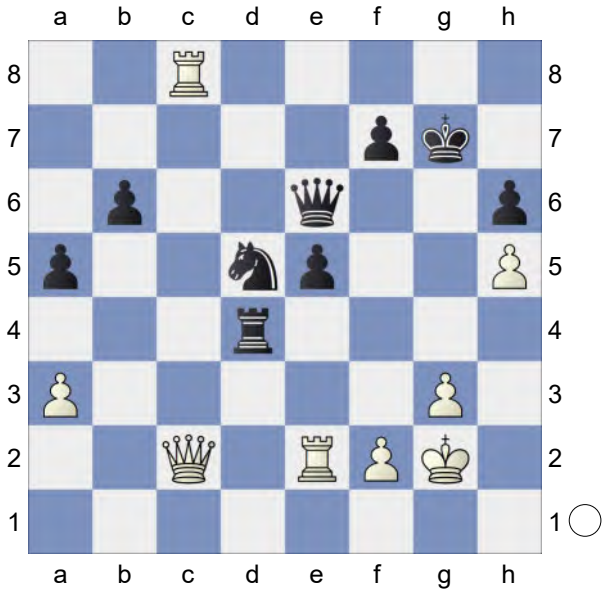


31.a3 0.72/17
[⌓31.Re1 1.18/17]
31...Re4 1.18/21
[⌓31...Rg4 0.72/17]
32.Re1! Rd4 1.69/20
[32...Rg4± 1.10/20]

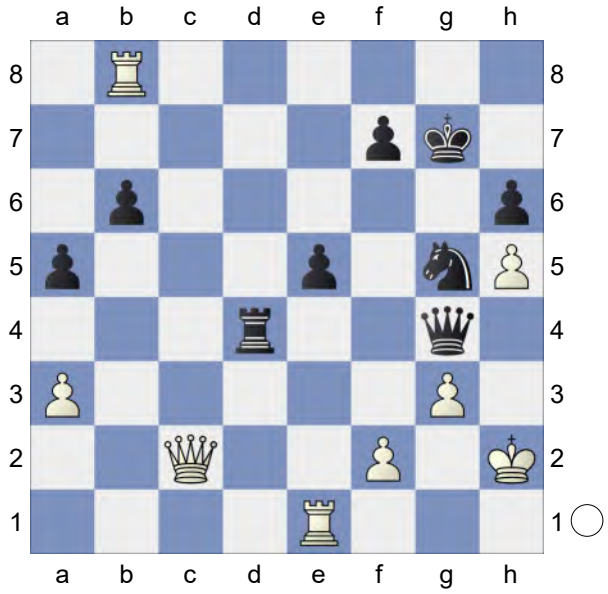
33.Qb2 b6 2.14/20
[33...Rd3± 1.54/17 34.Qxb7 Qd4]
34.Kg2 a5 35.Re2 0.79/23
[35.Rb8+- 1.63/18 and White stays clearly on top.]
35...e5 2.25/20
[35...Ra4± 0.79/23 keeps fighting.]



36.Qc2? 0.00/20
[White has to play 36.Rd2!+- 2.25/20]
36...Qe6 0.77/18
[36...Qg5= 0.00/20]



37.Rb8 -0.12/23
[37.f3!± 0.77/18]
37...Qg4 Black has compensation. Some like it hot **38.Re1**
[38.Rxe5? Nf4+ 39.Kg1 Rd1+-+ *(39...Nxh5? 40.Qc3+-)*]
[38.f3!? Nf4+□ 39.Kf2=]
38...Nf4+ 39.Kg1 aiming for Qc8.
39...Nh3+→ White needs to defend precisely. **40.Kh2?** -3.93/17
[40.Kg2!= -0.18/18 and White is okay. Rf4 41.Qc3 *(41.Rxb6? loses. Rxf2+ 42.Qxf2 Nxf2-+; 41.Re2? Rc4-+)* 41...Rxf2+ 42.Kh1]
40...Ng5-+



(-> ...Qh3+) **41.Qe2** -8.23/19
[⌓41.Qc8 -4.26/16 Nf3+ *(41...Qxh5+? 42.Kg2-+)* 42.Kg2 Nxe1+ 43.Kf1 Qxc8 44.Rxc8]
41...Qh3+ 42.Kg1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.43
42...Re4? 0.00/26
[42...e4-+ -7.68/22 43.f4 Qxg3+ *(43...exf3 44.Qe5+ f6 45.Qe7+ Nf7 46.Qf8+* Deflection *Kh7 47.Qxf7#)* 44.Kh1 Qxf4 *(44...Nf3? 45.Qg2-+)* 45.Rxb6 Rd2 46.Qxd2 Qxd2]

Loss on time!?
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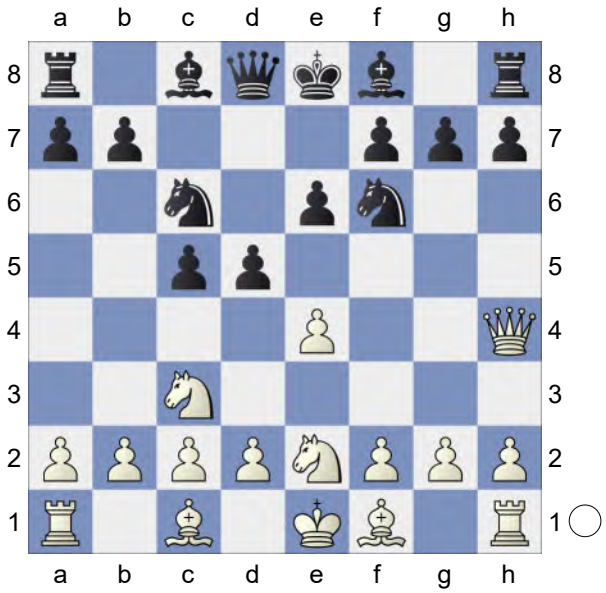
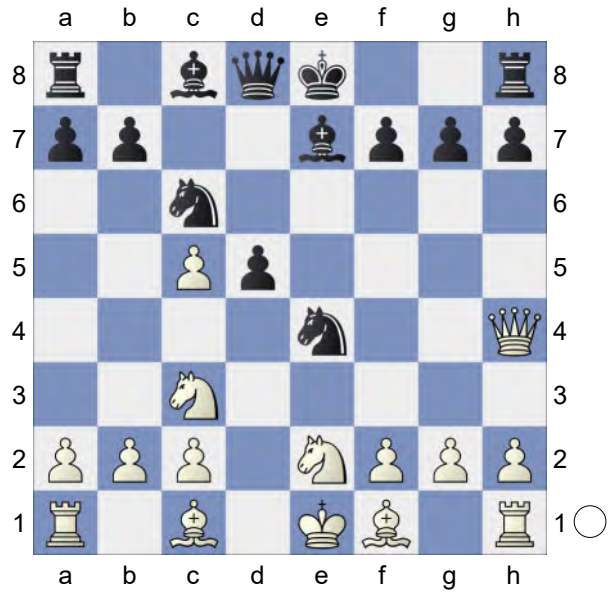
61 **B20**
□ **Timquaker** **2701**
■ **Massterofmayhem** **2732**
Blitz 05.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

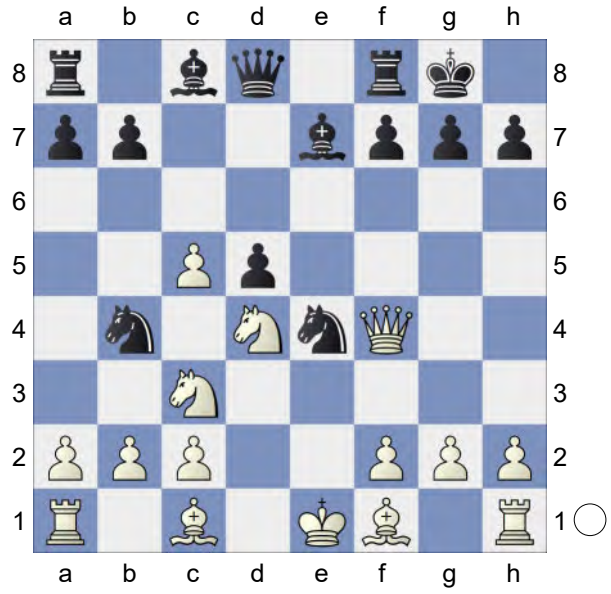
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nc3N
[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
3...Nf6 4.Qh4 Nc6 5.Nge2 d5



6.exd5 exd5 7.d4 Be7 8.dxc5? -2.88/19
[8.Bg5∓ -1.33/18]
8...Ne4
[8...Bxc5 9.Bg5=]



Discovered Attack **9.Qf4** -3.91/19
[9.Qh5 -1.99/19 Nf6 *(9...Nxc5 10.Nxd5 g6 11.Nf6+ Bxf6 12.Qxc5=)* 10.Qf3]
9...Nb4? -0.72/18
[9...Bg5-+ -3.91/19 and Black stays clearly on top. 10.Qf3 Ne5]
10.Nd4∓ 0-0



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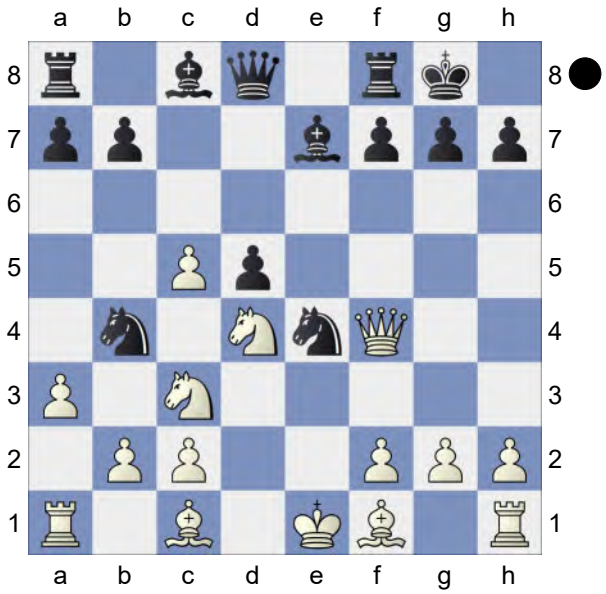

Bf6? 1.18/20
[11...Re8!∓ -1.08/21 keeps the pressure on. ...Bg5 is the strong threat. 12.Be2 *(12.axb4 Bg5∓; 12.Nxe4? Bxc5 13.axb4 Rxe4+-+)* 12...Bxc5]
12.axb4± and Be3 should not be overlooked **12...Bxd4 13.Nxe4** 0.90/19
[Better is 13.Be3 1.44/21 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3]
13...dxe4? 2.47/19
[13...Re8± 0.90/19 14.Bd3 Be5]
14.c3!+-
[14.Qxe4? Re8-+]
14...Bf6 15.Bc4
[15.Qxe4? Re8-+]
15...Re8

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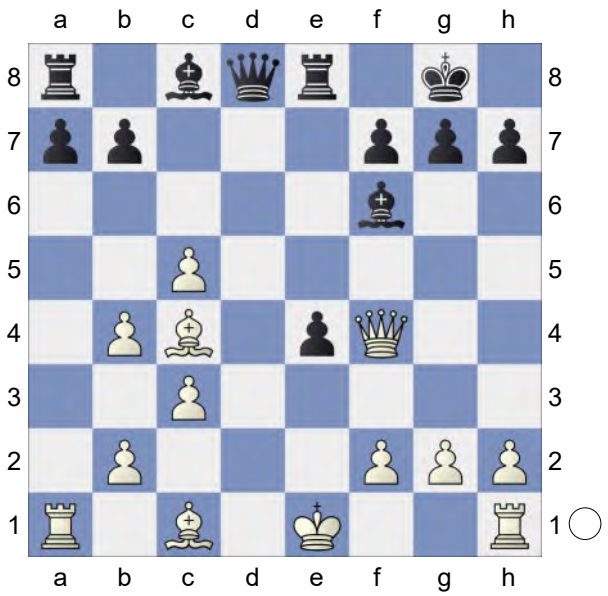
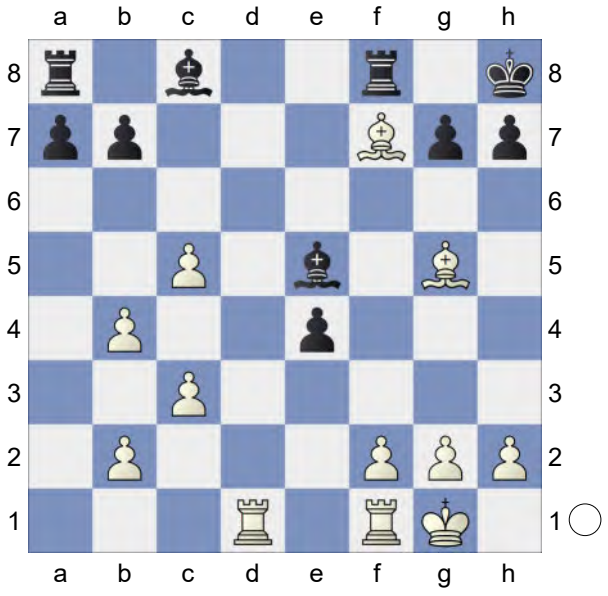


16.0-0 Be5 3.75/18
[16...h6 2.51/17 was called for. 17.Re1 Be6]
17.Qxf7+
[17.Bxf7+? too greedy. Kf8 18.Qe3 Kxf7-+]
17...Kh8 18.Bg5 Deflection, Back Rank
18...Qd7 19.Rad1 White is clearly winning. **19...Qxf7 20.Bxf7 Rf8**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.94
21.Be7
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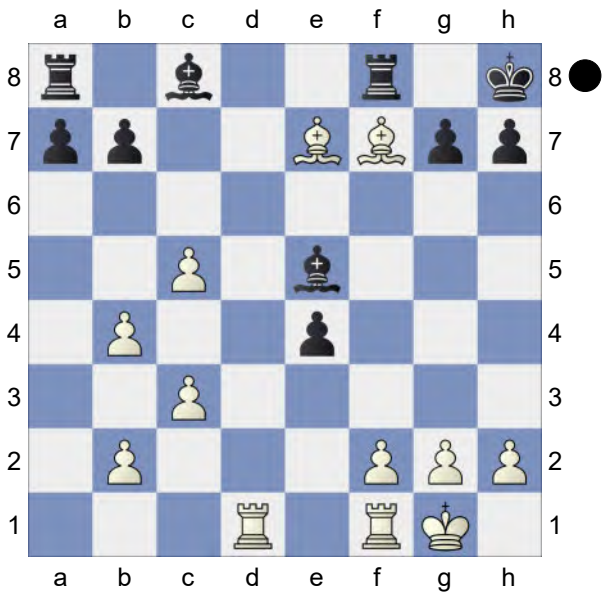

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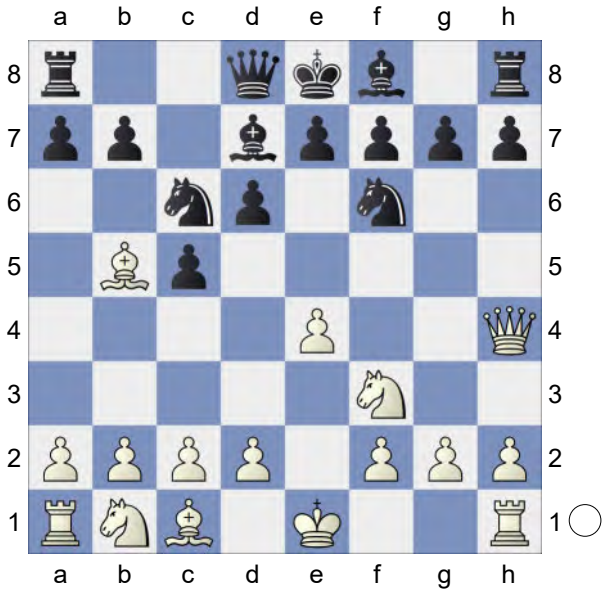
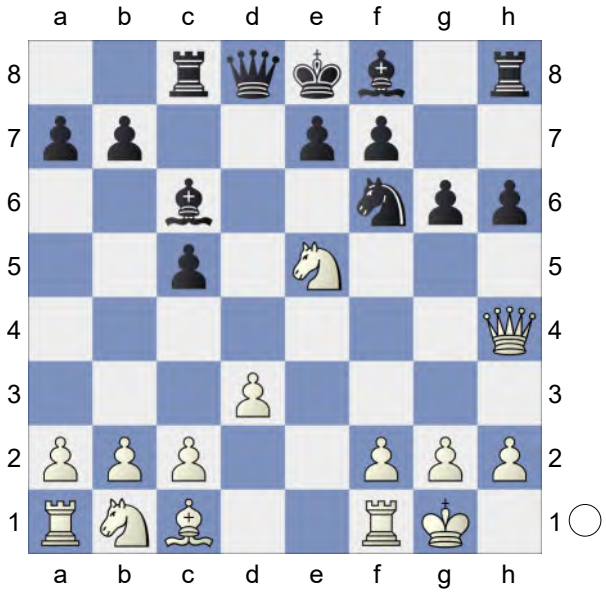
62 **B20**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2698**
■ **Grischuk,A** **2750**
chess.com Speed 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7



6.0-0 g6N -0.29/23
[6...h6∓ -0.70/21 7.d3 a6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6]
[6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)]
7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Black is slightly better.
8...Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 -0.06/20
[Better is 9...Bxf3∓ -0.68/20 10.exf6 g5 11.fxe7 Bxe7]
10.Nxe5= Rc8



11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 0.92/20
[12...Nd7= 0.00/18 13.Nc4 Nb6]

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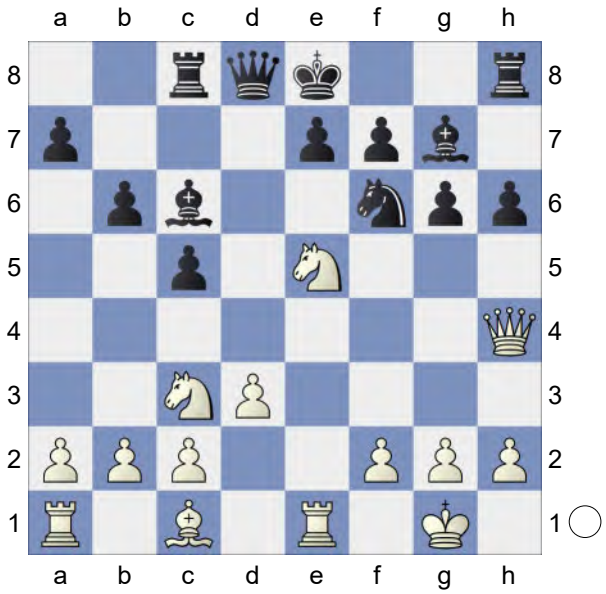
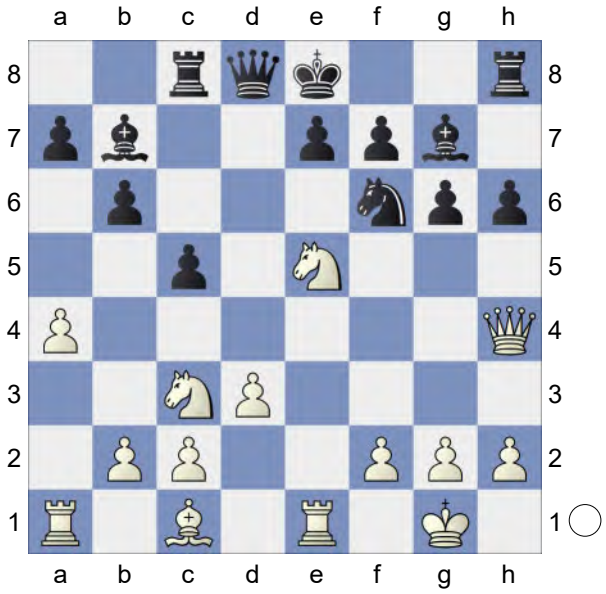


13.a4!± Bb7



14.a5! and axb6 should not be overlooked **14...g5**
[14...Nd7 15.a6]

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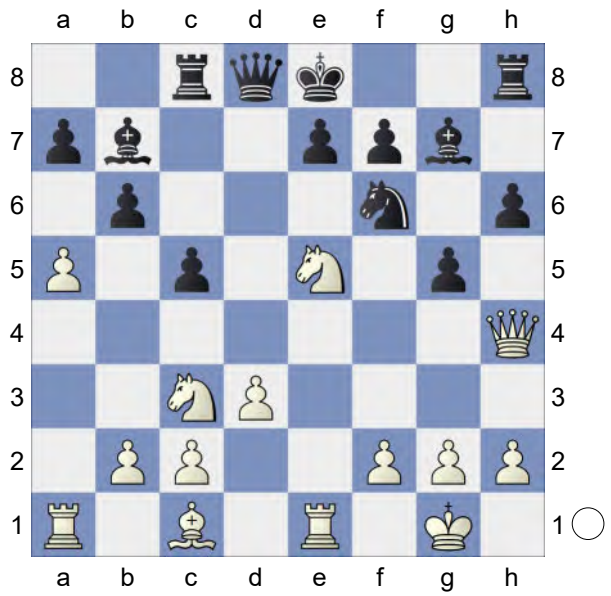
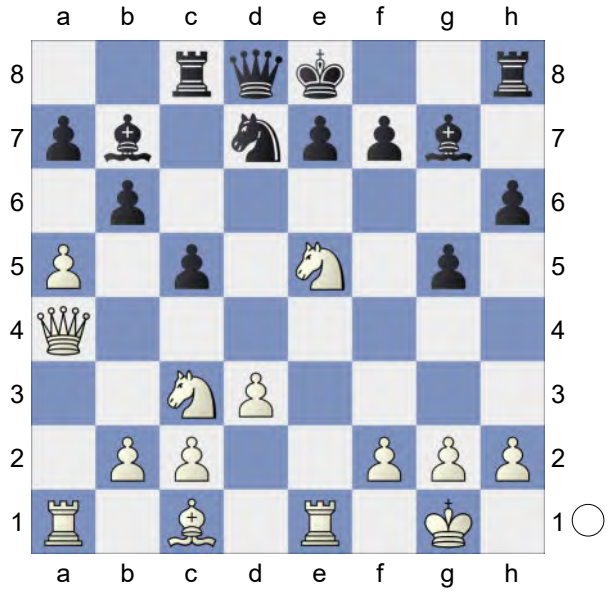


15.Qa4+ 0.58/18
[15.Qg3!± 1.26/19]
15...Nd7±



16.a6! Ba8 17.Qxd7+! Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 Bc6 20.Nxa7 Rc7

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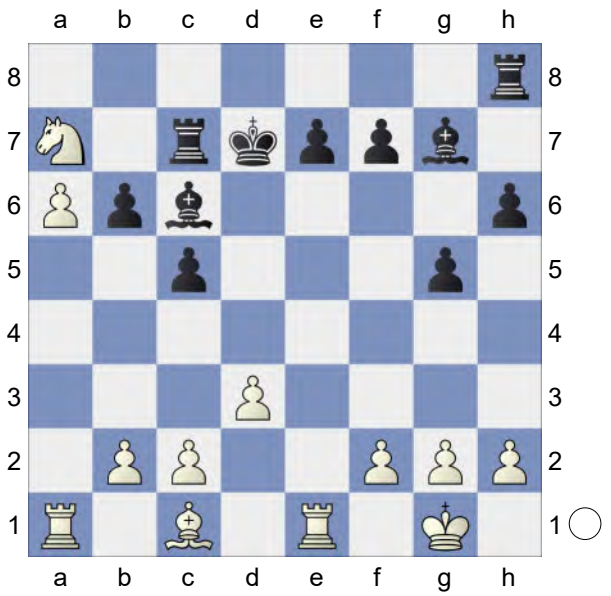
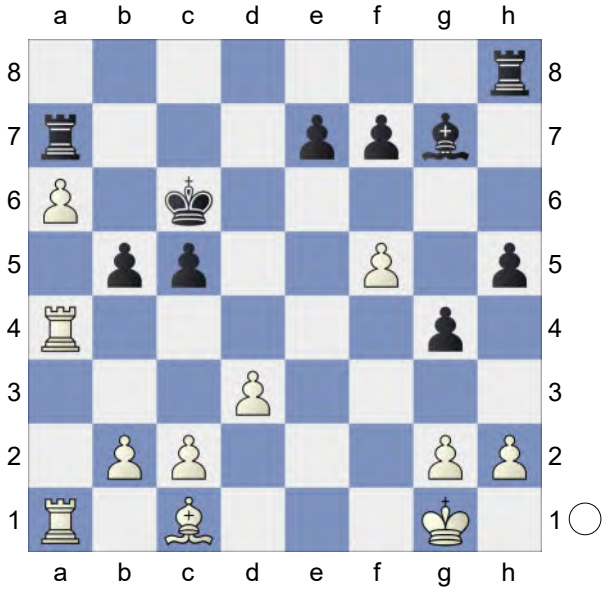
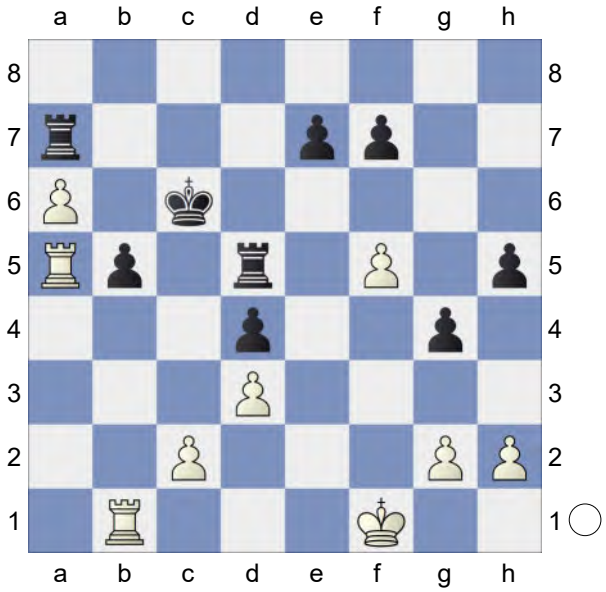


21.Nxc6 Kxc6 22.f4 0.08/22
[22.Ra2± 0.73/21]
22...g4 0.70/23
[22...gxf4!= 0.08/22 23.Bxf4 Ra7]
23.f5 Ra7 24.Re4 h5 25.Rea4 0.00/22
[25.Ra2± 0.39/23]
25...b5



26.Ra5 Rd8 27.Kf1 Rd5 28.Be3? -3.28/24
[28.R5a2= -0.21/20 and White is okay.]
28...Bxb2-+
[But not 28...Rxf5+ 29.Ke2 Bxb2

30.Rb1-+]
29.Rb1 Bd4 -0.55/20
[29...Rxf5+-+ -2.20/19 30.Ke2 Bc3 *(30...Kb6? 31.Bd2-+)* 31.Raxb5 Rxa6]
30.Bxd4? -2.20/21
[30.Raxb5!∓ -0.55/20 Rxf5+ *(30...Bxe3 31.Rb6+ Kc7 32.Rb7+ Rxb7 33.Rxb7+ Kc6 34.Rxe7=)* 31.Ke2]
30...cxd4∓



Endgame KRR-KRR **31.f6 exf6**
32.Ke2? -3.67/22
[32.g3 -1.93/20 was necessary.]
32...Kb6 33.Rba1 h4 ...Rf5 would now be deadly. **34.R5a2?** -4.35/22
[34.Kd2 -2.61/19]
34...f5 35.g3 -4.09/22
[⌓35.h3 -2.73/21]
35...h3-+

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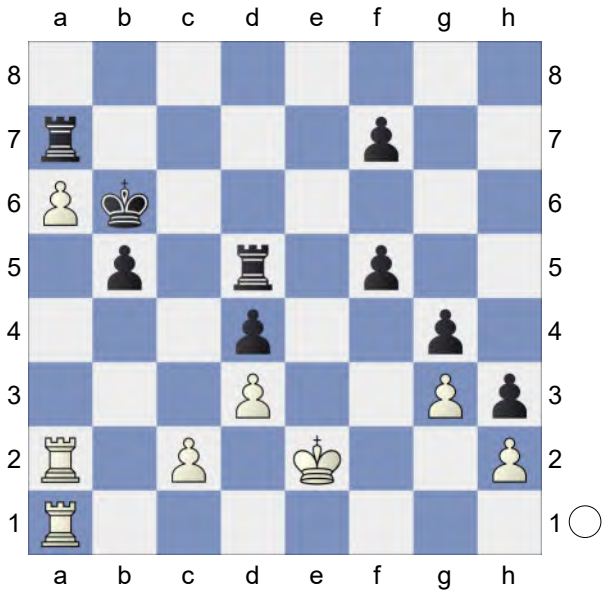
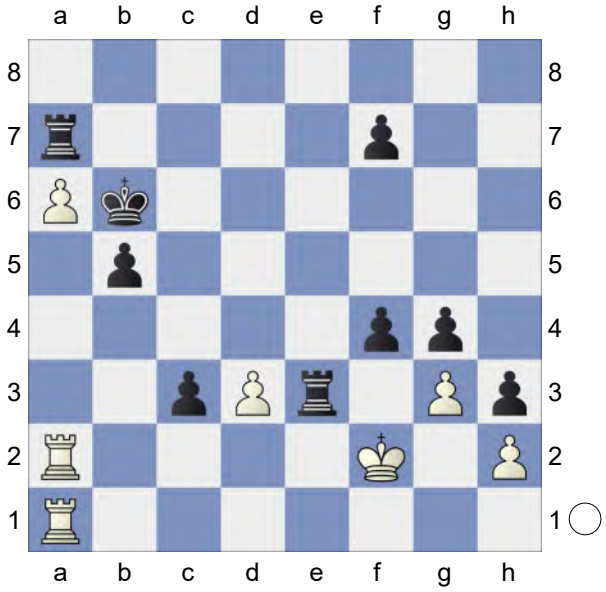


36.Kf2 Re5 37.Ra3 Re3 Black is clearly winning. **38.R3a2 f4 39.c4** -6.54/21
[⌓39.gxf4 -4.32/19 Rf3+ 40.Kg1]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.29 (precise)
39...dxc3



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63 **B20**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2692**
■ **Willow,Jonah B** **2409**
Titled Tue 15th Nov Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6
[2...Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3N
[5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 Be6 19.g4 d5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
5...Nc6

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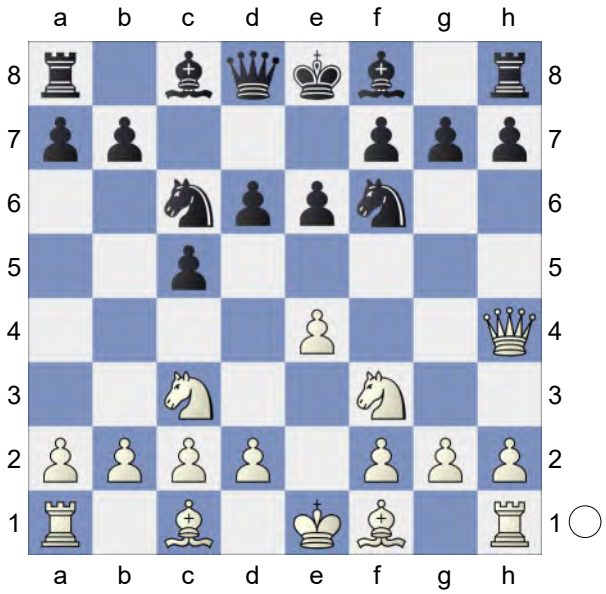
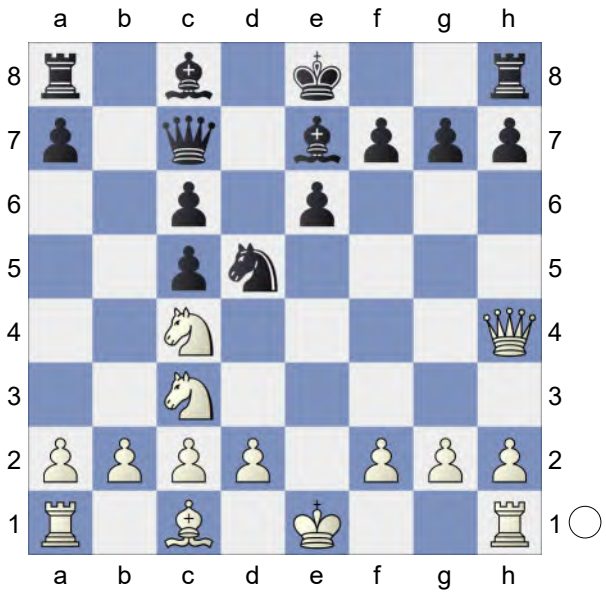


6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5
Black is slightly better. **8...dxe5** 0.22/19
[8...Nd5!∓ -0.42/22 9.Qa4 0-0]
9.Nxe5= Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5



11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6

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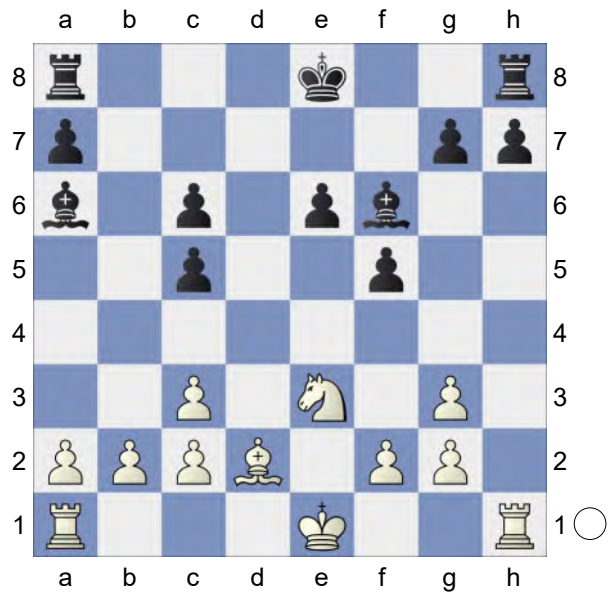
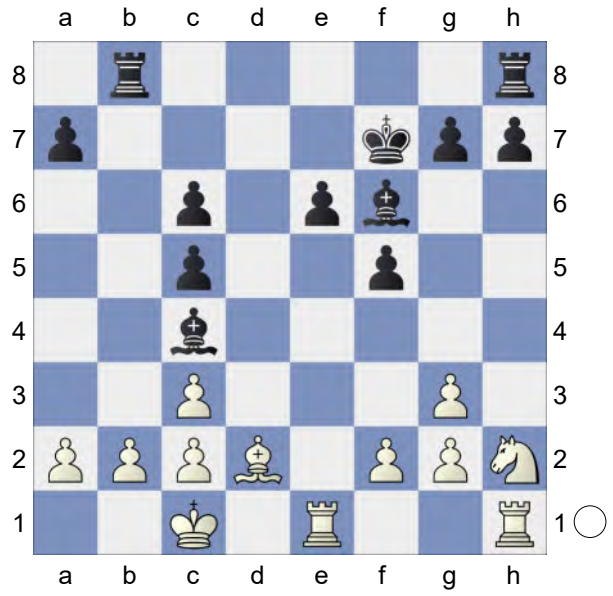
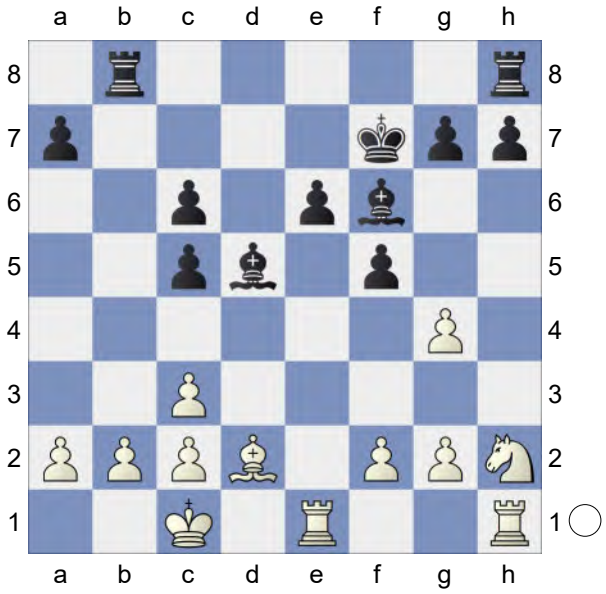


16.0-0-0 Ke7 0.99/20
[16...c4± 0.35/20]
17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1 -0.18/17
[Better is 18.c4!± 0.83/21]
18...Rab8 0.50/23
[Black should play 18...Bxf1= -0.18/17 19.Rexf1 c4]
19.Nh2± Bc4 1.05/21
[19...c4± 0.50/20]

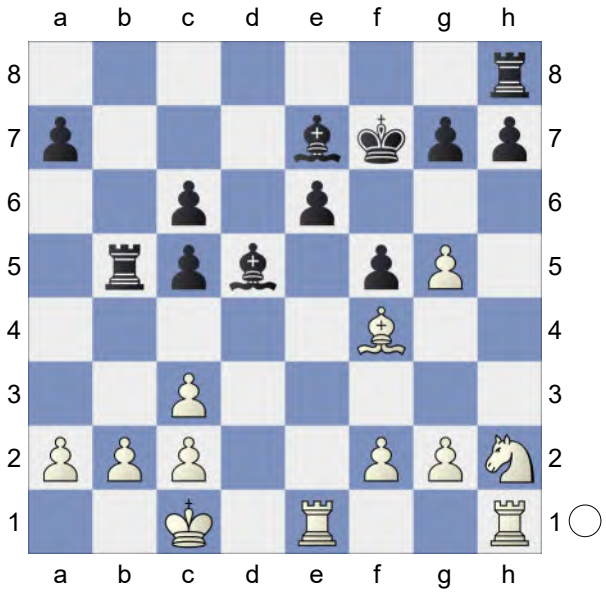


20.g4 -0.12/20
[20.b3!± 1.05/21 Bd5 21.c4 Bxg2 22.Rhg1]

20...Bd5
[20...Bxa2?! 21.g5 Bd8 22.Bf4±]

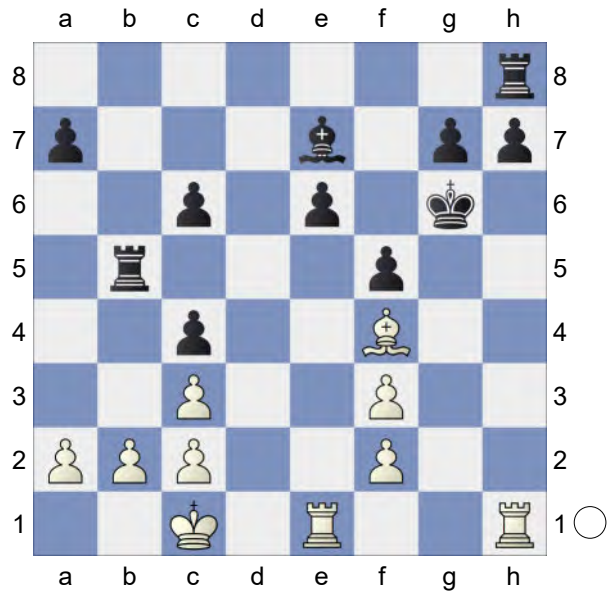


21.g5 Be7 22.Bf4↑ Dodges Bd6. and c4 should not be overlooked. Black is under pressure. **22...Rb5?** 1.88/22
[22...c4!= 0.18/21 and Black is okay.]

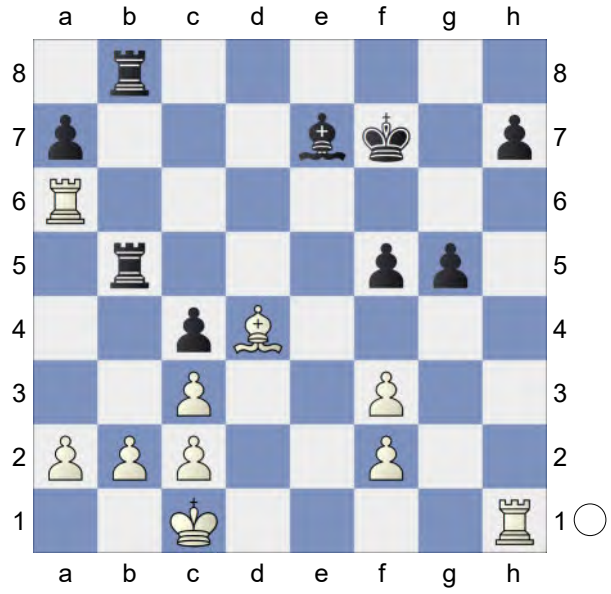


23.Nf3 0.50/17
[Only move: 23.c4!+- 1.88/22 Bxc4 24.Nf3]
23...Bxf3! 24.gxf3 c4 1.35/17
[24...h5± 0.50/20]

25.g6+!± Decoy **25...Kxg6** 2.10/21
[25...Kf6± 1.35/20]

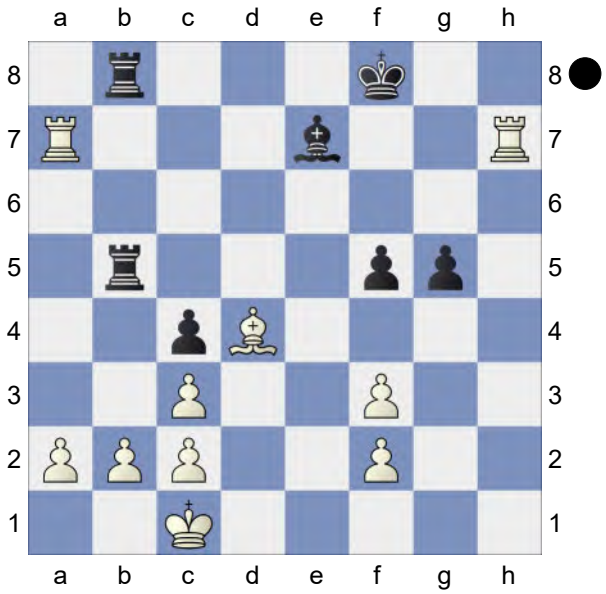


26.Rxe6++- Kf7 27.Rxc6 Rc5 2.90/19
[⌓27...Rb7 1.69/18 28.Rd1 *(28.Rxc4 h5±)* 28...h5]
28.Ra6 g5 29.Be3 Skewer **29...Rb5 30.Bd4** Deflection. White is clearly winning. **30...Rhb8**



31.Rxh7+ Kf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.39

32.Rxa7



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64 **B20**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2660**
■ **Volokitin,Andrei** **2671**
6th YM Lausanne SUI (3.2) 19.09.2005
[Rowson]

Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com: 'B20: Défense sicilienne " B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com: 'B20: Défense sicilienne
" **1.e4** Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net) Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com'' **1...c5 2.Qh5** So it wasn't just a one-off! Although I don't want to give 2. Qh5 any theoretical credibility, I couldn't resist showing the following game, where Nakamura is severely punished for this cheeky move. Rowson,Jonathan: 'So it

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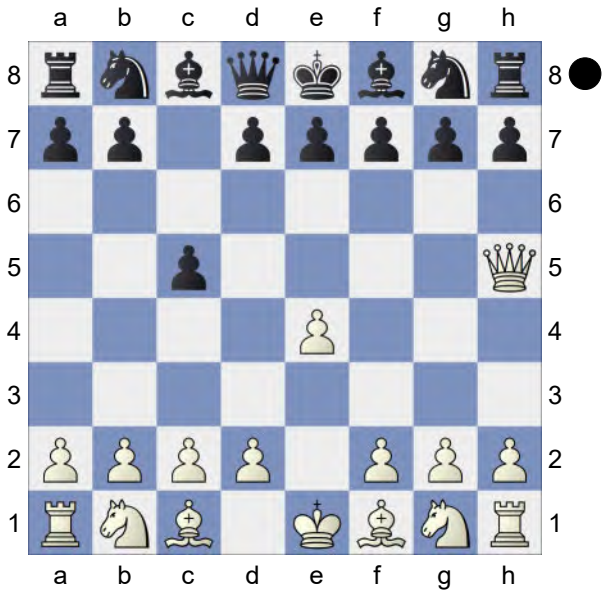

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[3.Qxc5 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com'' Nxe4 is fine for Black, but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this. Rowson, Jonathan: 'is fine for Black, but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this.' is fine for Black, but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this. Rowson,Jonathan: 'is fine for Black, but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this.' Rowson,MH: 'is fine for Black, but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this. Rowson,Jonathan: 'is fine for Black,

but White is not significantly worse, so I wouldn't be surprised if somebody were to try this.'' 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nc3 Nxc3 6.dxc3 e6 7.Qg3 Nd7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.Kb1 b5 11.Bd4 Bd7 12.Bd3 Rc8 13.Ne2 Qc7 14.Nf4 a5 15.Rhe1 Bc6 16.Be5 Qd7 17.Bf5 Qb7 Maciulewicz,C-Elburg,J/SEMI 1999/LesEchecs.com/1-0]

3...Nc6

[3...d6 LesEchecs.com 4.Nf3 e6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Ng4 h6 10.Nxh6+ gxh6 11.Qxh6 Qc7 12.Qg5+ Kh8 13.f4 c4 14.Qh4+ Kg7 15.Qg3+ Kh8 16.Qh3+ Kg7 17.Qg3+ Kh8 18.Qh4+ Treger,E-Agaian,S/New York 2003/LesEchecs.com/0-1 (68)]

4.Be2 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): ''N' LesEchecs.com. ''

[4.Bb5 LesEchecs.com d5 5.f3 Bd7 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Qc4 e6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Nb6 10.Qg4 0-0 11.d3 Nd5 12.Bh6 Nxc3 13.Qxg7# 1-0 Samras-babylyub/chess.net 1998/LesEchecs.com]

[4.Nf3 LesEchecs.com d5 5.e5 Ng4∓]

4...e5 5.d3 Be7

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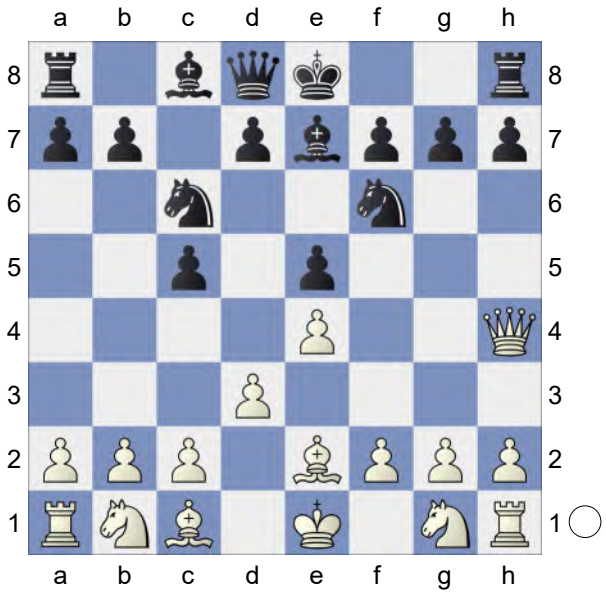

6.Qg3 d5 7.Nd2

[7.exd5 Nd4 8.Bd1 0-0↑]

7...0-0 8.c3 Rowson,MH: 'Black is better.' **8...b5** Black already seems to be somewhat better and Volokitin plays the rest of the game with a lot of panache, which is especially impressive given that he only had to draw the game to win this two-game match. Rowson, Jonathan: 'Black already seems to be somewhat better and Volokitin plays the rest of the game with a lot of panache, which is especially impressive given that he only had to draw the game to win this two-game match.' Black already seems to be somewhat better and Volokitin plays the rest of the game with a lot of panache, which is especially impressive given that he only had to draw the game to win this two-game match. Rowson, Jonathan: 'Black already seems to be somewhat better and Volokitin plays the rest of the game with a lot of panache, which is especially impressive given that he only had to draw the game to win this two-game match.' Rowson,MH: 'Black already seems to be somewhat better and Volokitin plays the rest of the game

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[9.Ngf3 -3.70/19 Rowson,MH: '?' Rowson,MH: '9.Nh3 -1.27' Nh5]

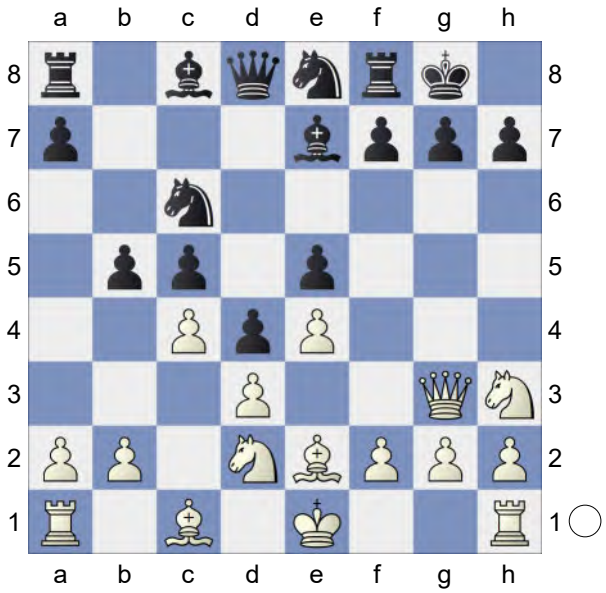
9...d4 -0.90/21 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com: 'Les noirs gagnent de l'espace'"'

[9...a5]

[9...b4]

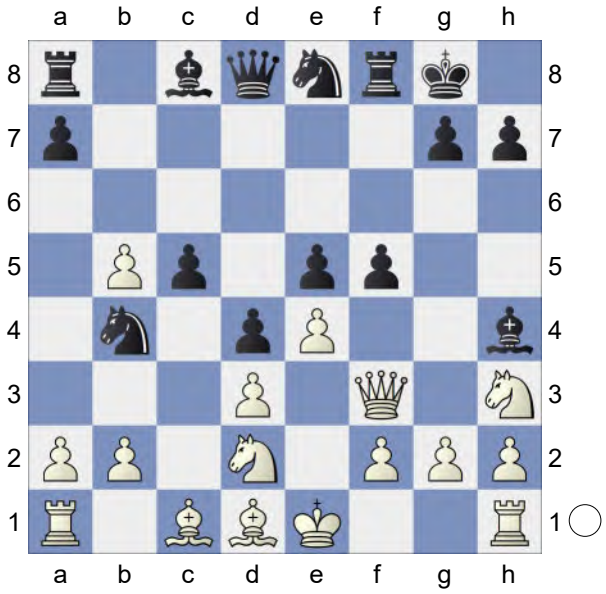
[⌓9...Bd6 -1.46/18 10.exd5 e4 *(10...Nxd5 11.Ne4∓)*]

10.c4 Ne8!



11.cxb5 Bh4 12.Qf3 Nb4 13.Bd1 Rowson,MH: 'Against Nc2+. And now a3 would win.' **13...f5!** 0.22/21 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): '!?' '!?' Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram

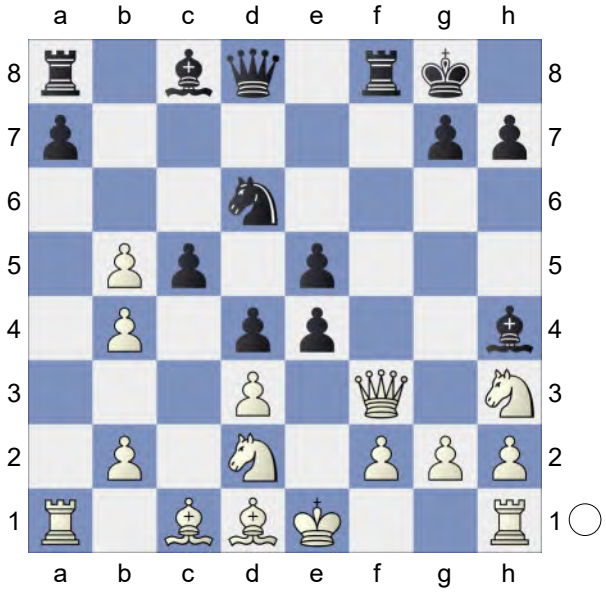
[13...a6!?∓ LesEchecs.com 14.b6 Nf6 *(14...Qxb6 15.a3=)*]



'. Black has more active pieces.' Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram {#}' **14.a3** Rowson,MH: '=!'

[⌓14.0-0 -0.78/21 14.a3 0.30 Nd6 aiming for ...fxe4. 15.Qe2]

14...Nd6! 15.axb4 Rowson,MH: 'exf5 is the strong threat.' **15...fxe4**



Rowson,MH: 'Discovered Attack' **16.Qh5?** Rowson,MH: 'Strongly threatening 0-0.'

[16.Qe2 -0.48/24 Rowson,MH: '16. Qh5 0.26' Bxh3 0.04/18 *(Black should play 16...exd3!∓* -0.48/24 *17.Qxd3 Bxh3* Remove Defender *18.Qxh3 Bxf2+ 19.Kf1 Be3+ 20.Ke1 Bf2+ 21.Kf1 Be3+ 22.Ke1 Bf2+ 23.Kf1)* 17.0-0 actually seems to be ok for White!]

16...Bxh3

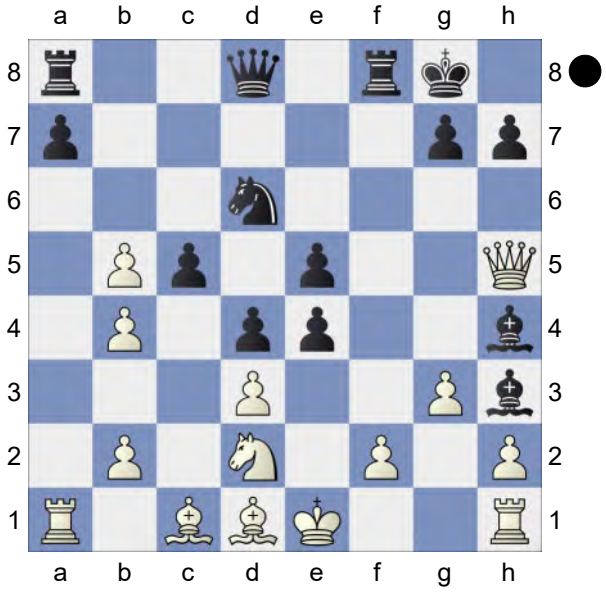
[16...Nxb5? 17.Nxe4 c4 18.Nhg5 *(18.dxc4 g6+-)* 18...Bxg5 19.Qxg5+- *(19.Bxg5 Qc7+-)*]

[16...exd3? 17.Nf3+-]

17.g3 -0.99/22 Rowson,MH: '

[17.gxh3? -4.63/17 17.0-0 0.22 Rxf2 (→ ...Rf3+) 18.Bb3+ c4!-+ Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): '-+']

[17.0-0= 0.14/21 Rf5 18.Qe2]



' **17...Qf6** Rowson,MH: '↑!' Rowson,MH: 'White is under strong pressure. Dancing on a razor blade.' **18.Bb3+?** -3.09/21 White had to move his f-pawn. White had to move his f-pawn. Rowson,MH: 'White had to move his f-pawn. Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): "?' LesEchecs.com. '. White does not recover from this.'

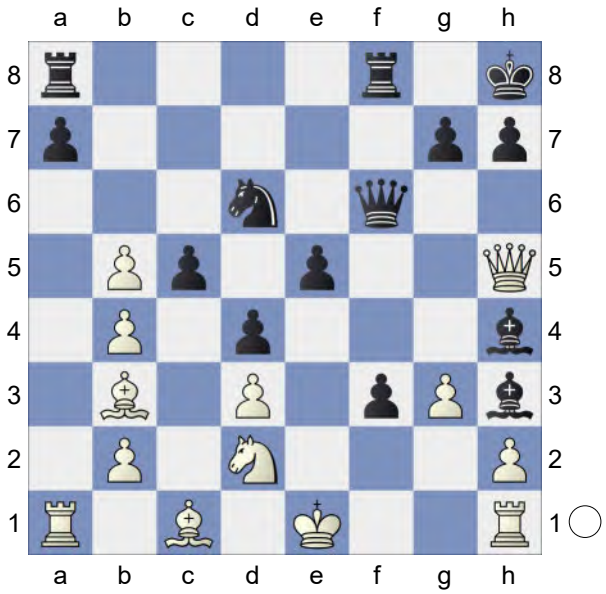
[⌓18.f4 LesEchecs.com exf3 19.Bxf3± -1.87/20 *(19.Nxf3∓* -1.05/20 *Bg2 20.Rf1)*]

[18.Nxe4∓ -0.84/24 Nxe4 19.f3]

18...Kh8 Rowson,MH: '-+' Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): "-+' LesEchecs.com. "

[18...c4 19.Bxc4+ Kh8 *(19...Nxc4 20.Nxe4 Qe7 21.Nc5=)* 20.Qe2-+]

19.f3 exf3 Rowson,MH: '!' Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram



" Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram {#}' **20.Kf2** -5.80/18 Rowson,MH: '?' Rowson,MH: '

[20.Qxf3 -3.35/20 might work better. Qg6 *(20...cxb4 21.gxh4 Qxf3 22.Nxf3=; 20...Qxf3 21.Nxf3 c4 22.Bxc4∓)* 21.Bf7 Nxf7 22.gxh4]

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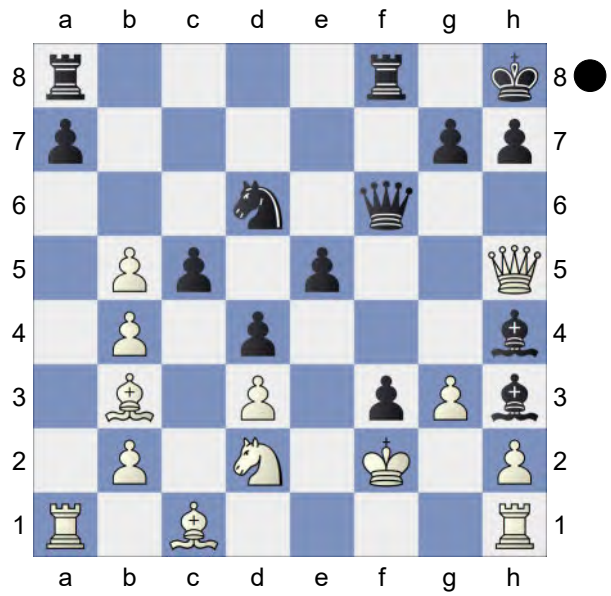
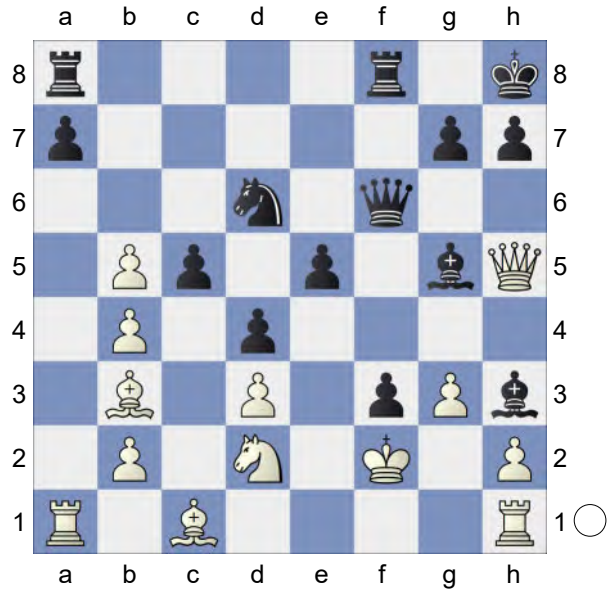


' **20...Bg5**



Rowson,MH: '!' Rowson,MH: 'Black is clearly winning.' **21.Nxf3** -10.27/17 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): "??' LesEchecs.com. "

[21.Qxh3 -5.14/19 Rowson,MH: 'ᗡ' 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'LesEchecs.com"

A) 21...e4 22.Qe6 *(22.Nxe4? too greedy. Nxe4+ 23.dxe4 d3-+)* 22...e3+ *(22...cxb4 23.Qxf6 e3+ 24.Kf1±)* 23.Kf1 exd2 24.Qxf6 dxc1Q+ *(24...Bxf6 25.Bxd2 c4 26.Bf4=)* 25.Rxc1 Rxf6 *(25...gxf6? 26.Rxc5 Rae8 27.Rc6-+)* 26.Rxc5;

B) 21...cxb4 22.Qe6=;

C) 21...Be3+ 22.Kf1 Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): '-+' '-+'' Bxd2 23.Bxd2 Rowson,MH: 'Black must now prevent Qe6.' Qg6 24.Bc2 c4 with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way. Rowson, Jonathan: 'with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way.' with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way. Rowson, Jonathan: 'with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way.' Rowson,MH: 'with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way. Rowson,Jonathan: 'with serious storm-trooper action coming white's way."]

21...g6 22.Bxg5 Qf5

[22...gxh5?! -2.64/18 22...Qf5 -9.32 (LesEchecs.com) est une mauvaise alternative 23.Bxf6+ Rxf6 24.bxc5∓]

23.Qxh3

[23.Be6 (LesEchecs.com) la dernière chance de contrejeu Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): '(LesEchecs.com) la dernière chance de contrejeu' Qxe6 24.Qh4 Rxf3+ 25.Kxf3 Qd5+ -9.30/19 *(ᗡ25...Rf8+ -25.07/23 26.Ke2 e4)* 26.Ke2 Qg2+ 27.Kd1 Qxh1+ 28.Kc2 Qxa1 29.Bf6+ Kg8 30.Qxh3-+]

23...Qxf3+ Rowson,MH: 'Alexander Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'Diagram

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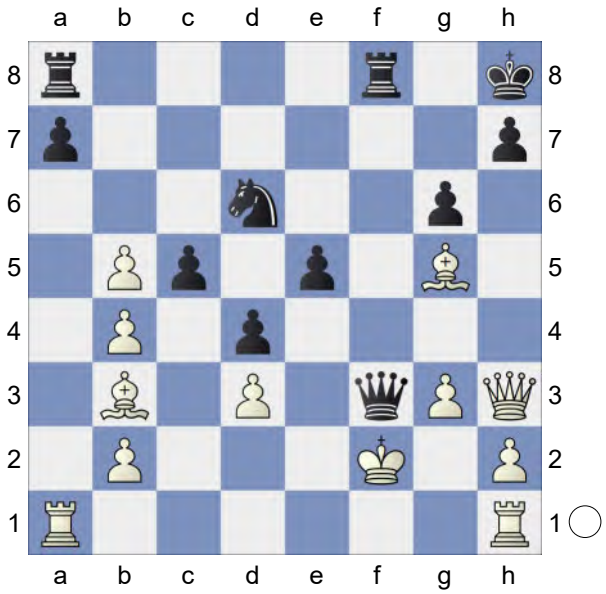

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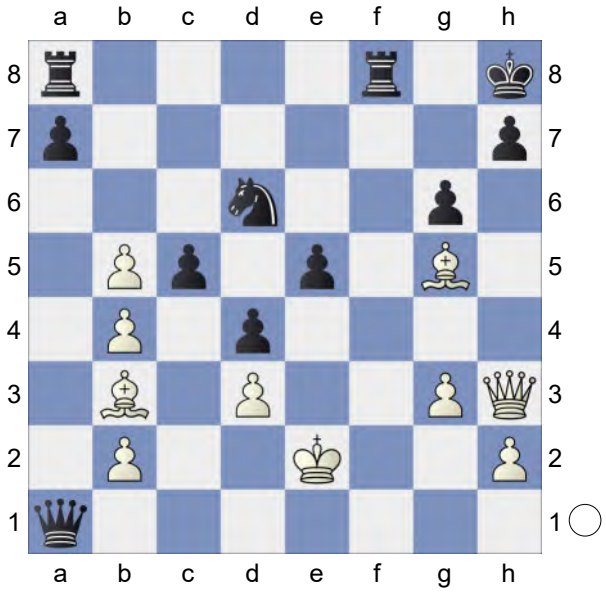

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65 **B20**
□ **Osmolovsky** **2660**
■ **5.00 00 6.a4** **2671**
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[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4
[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
3...Nc6
[3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
4.Be2N
[4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
4...e5 5.d3 Be7
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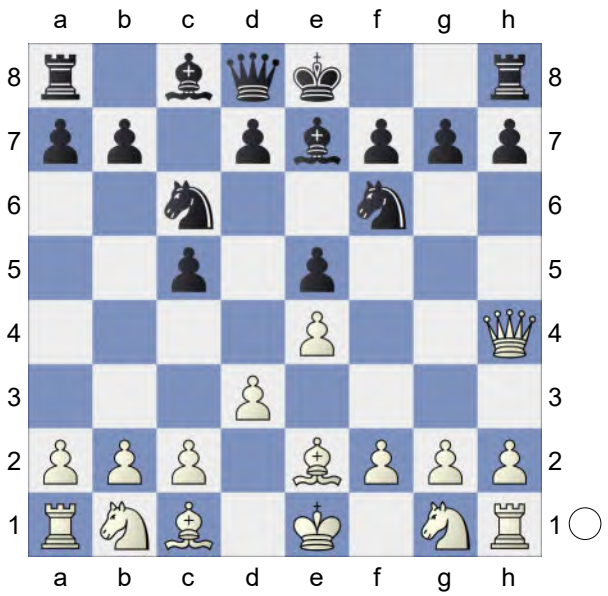
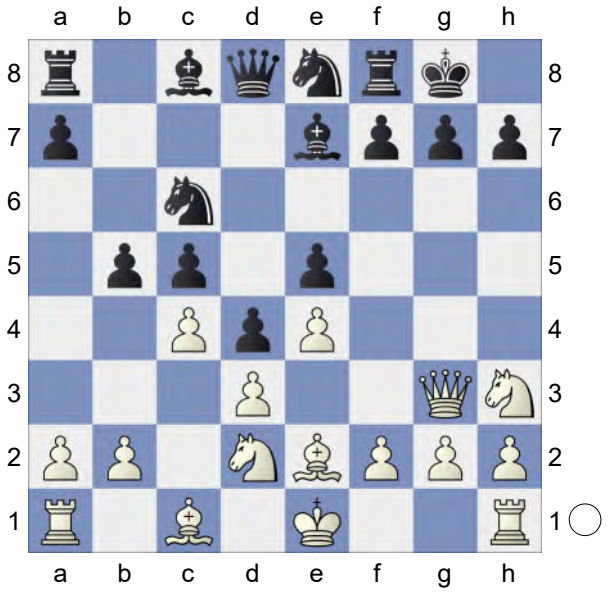
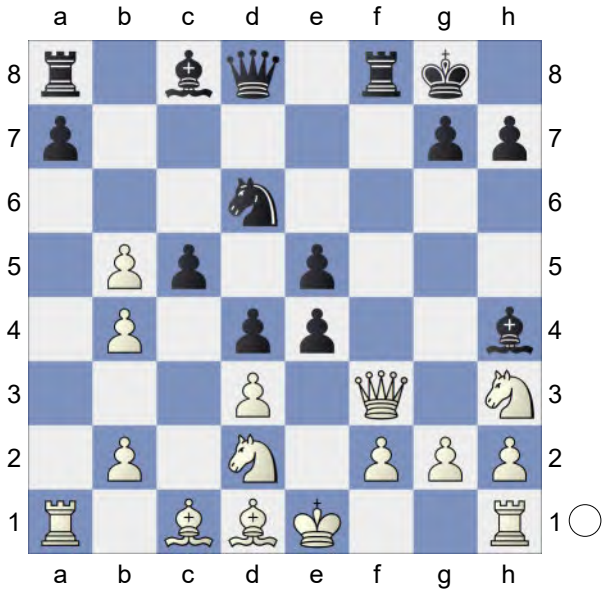


6.Qg3 d5 7.Nd2 -1.59/18
[White should try 7.exd5 -1.19/18 Nd4 *(7...Nxd5 8.Qxg7 Bf6 9.Qg3∓; 7...Qxd5 8.Nc3∓)* 8.Bd1]
7...0-0 8.c3 Black is better. **8...b5** -1.01/16
[⌓8...c4 -1.39/19 9.b4 cxd3 10.Bxd3 a6]
9.Nh3∓ d4 10.c4 Ne8



11.cxb5 Bh4 12.Qf3 Nb4 13.Bd1
Prevents Nc2+ **13...f5** 0.61/19
Black has more active pieces.
[13...a6∓ -0.87/20 14.a3 axb5]

14.a3!± Nd6! and ...fxe4 should not be overlooked **15.axb4 fxe4**



Discovered Attack **16.Qh5** 0-0 would now be deadly. **16...Bxh3**
[16...Nxb5? 17.Nxe4 Bxh3 18.gxh3+-]
17.g3 -0.73/21
[17.0-0= 0.30/21 keeps the balance.]
17...Qf6↑ Black is more active. Really sharp! This move loses the game for White. **18.Bb3+?** -3.35/19
[18.Nxe4= -0.29/20 Nxe4 19.f3]
18...Kh8-+
[18...c4 19.Bxc4+ Kh8 *(19...Nxc4 20.Nxe4 Qe7 21.Nc5-+)* 20.f4 exf3 *(20...Nxc4 21.Nxc4 exf4 22.Qxh4-+)* 21.Kf2=]
19.f3 exf3 20.Kf2 Bg5

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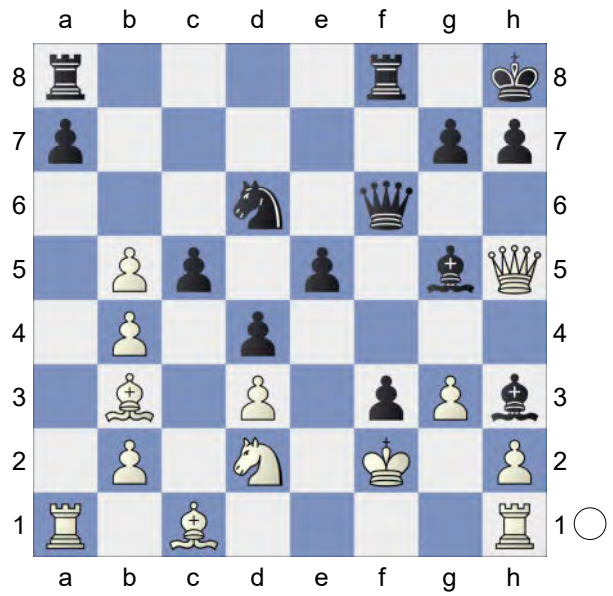
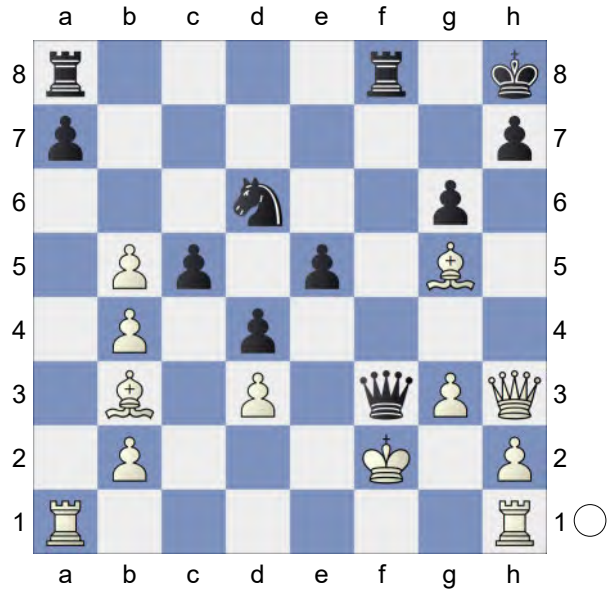


21.Nxf3 -5.66/16
[21.Qxh3 -3.98/16 is the only way for White. e4 *(21...cxb4 22.Qe6=)* 22.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 23.dxe4]
21...g6 Black is clearly winning. **22.Bxg5 Qf5**
[22...gxh5 23.Bxf6+ Rxf6 24.bxc5-+]
23.Qxh3 -7.84/17
[⌓23.Be6 -4.45/16 Qxe6 *(23...gxh5 24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.Ra6∓)* 24.Qh4]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
23...Qxf3+



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66 **B20**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2657**
■ **Karjakin,Sergey** **2635**
Karjakin-Nakamura m blitz 29.04.2005
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
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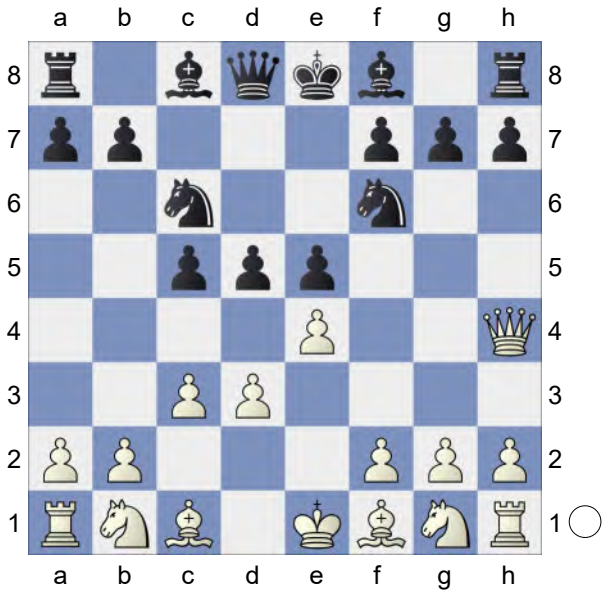
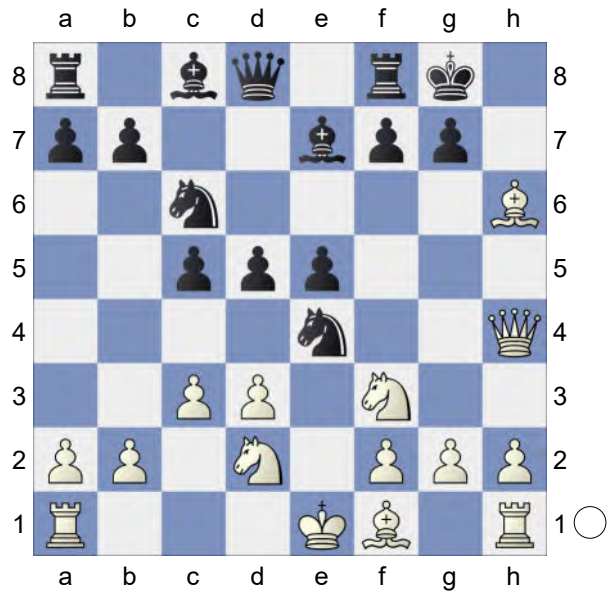
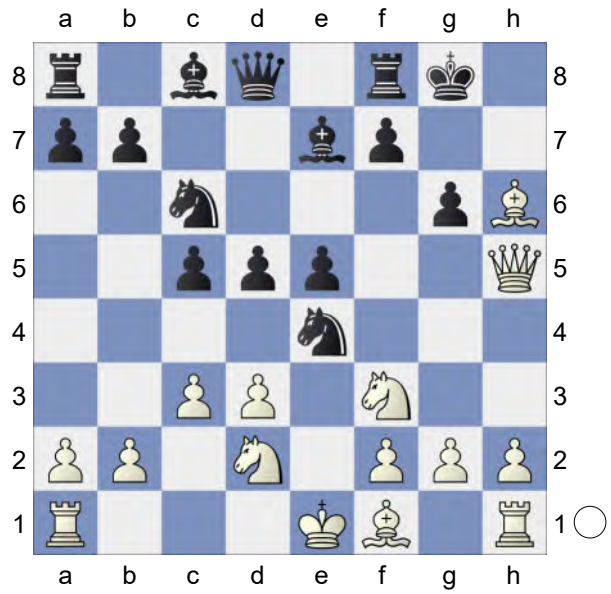


6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nd2 h6 8.Ngf3
Black is better. **8...0-0**
[8...hxg5? 9.Qxh8+ Bf8 10.Nxg5+-]
9.Bxh6N -4.17/19
[9.Bxf6∓ -1.42/16 Bxf6 10.Qg3 d4 11.Be2 Be6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Rfc1 Qd6 14.a3 b5 15.Bd1 dxc3 16.Rxc3 b4 17.Nc4 Qe7 18.Rcc1 Rfd8 19.Ba4 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 Na5 21.Rcc1 bxa3 22.Rxa3 c4 23.Bb5 cxd3 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxd3 0-1 (31) Nakamura,H (2657)-Markus,R (2584) Champions Challenge 92nd blitz 2005 (4.1)]
9...Nxe4-+

[9...gxh6? 10.exd5 Qxd5 *(10...Ng4 11.Qg3=)* 11.Qxh6-+]



Discovered Attack **10.Qh5 g6**



...Nxd2 is the strong threat. Trapped Piece **11.Bxf8 Qxf8**

[Much less strong is 11...gxh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.dxe4-+]

12.dxe4 gxh5 13.exd5 Nd8 14.Nxe5 Bf6 15.Nef3 Qe7+

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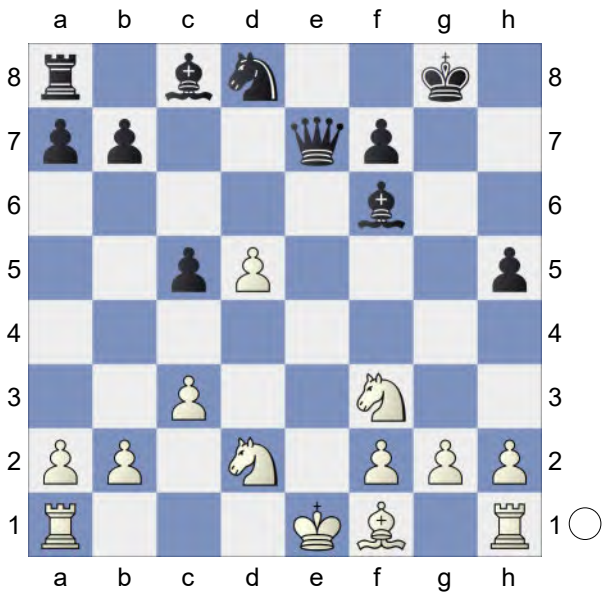
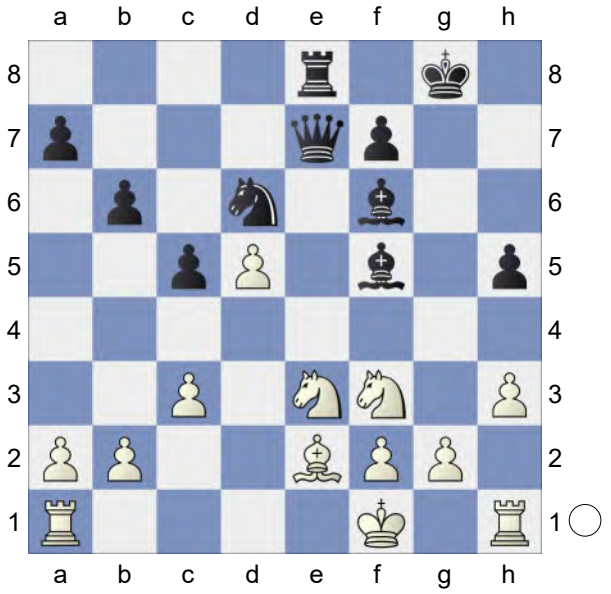


16.Be2 Bf5 17.Kf1 b6 18.Nc4 Nb7 19.h3 Nd6 20.Ne3 Re8



21.g4 hxg4 22.hxg4 Bg6

[Weaker is 22...Bxg4 23.Rg1-+]

23.Re1 Ne4 24.Bb5 Rd8 25.Bc6? -4.31/17

[25.Nf5 -2.26/16 Qb7 *(25...Bxf5? 26.gxf5 Qb7 27.Rxe4-+)* 26.Rxe4 Qxd5 27.Rf4 Qxa2 28.Nh6+ Kg7 29.Kg2]

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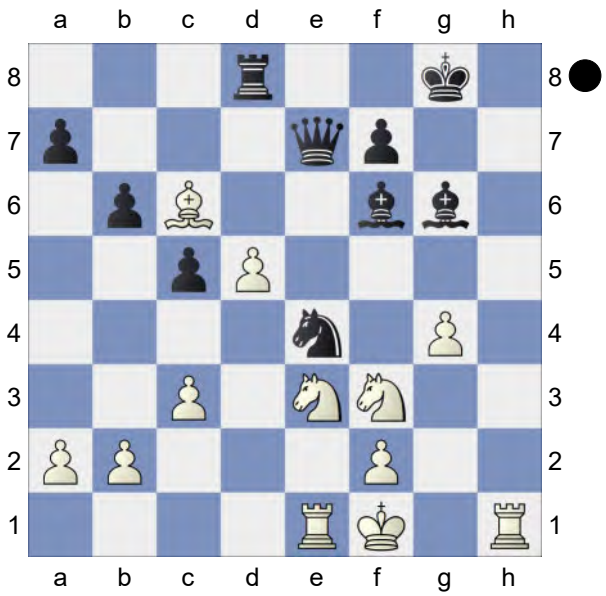
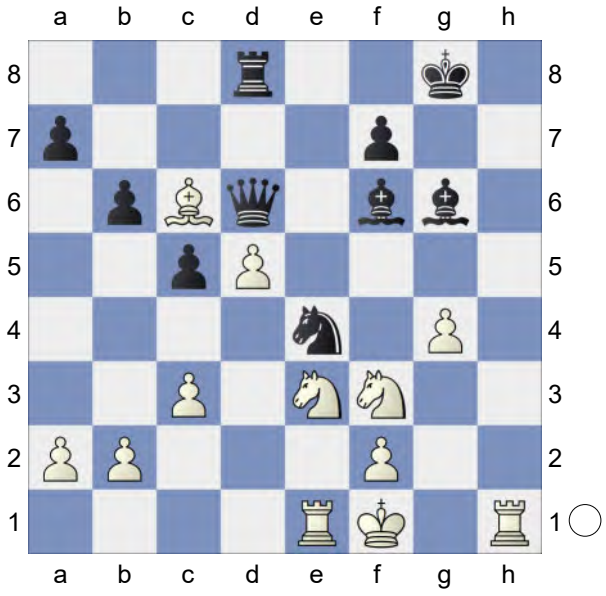


25...Qd6



Black is clearly winning. **26.Kg2 Qf4 27.Nf1** -7.78/18
[⌓27.Rh3 -4.68/17]
27...Qxg4+ 28.Ng3 Nxg3 29.fxg3 Be4 30.Rhf1 Be5

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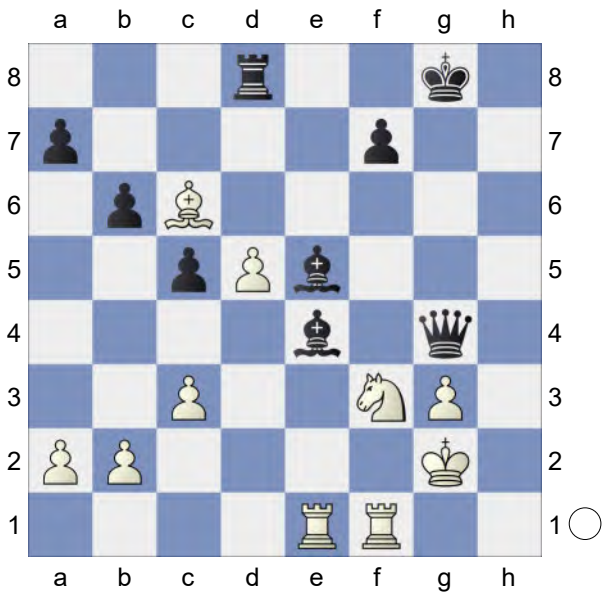
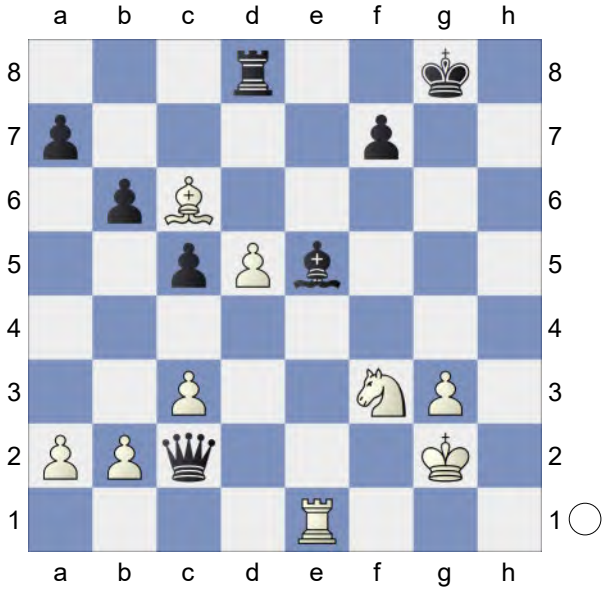


31.Rxe4 Qxe4 32.Re1 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
32...Qc2+



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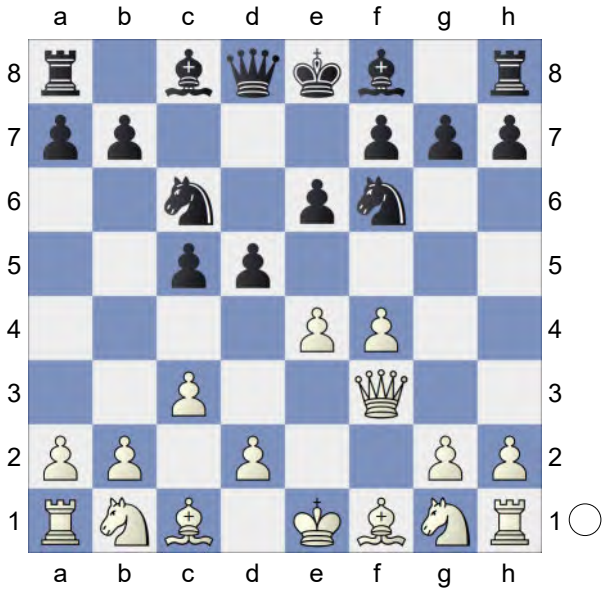
67 **B20**
□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2657**
■ **Wirig,Anthony** **2409**
Nakamura-Wirig m blitz 10.06.2005
[MH]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 d5 -0.36/19
[5...e5∓ -0.73/19]



6.d3 b6 7.g4 -0.67/18
[7.e5= -0.26/18]
7...Ba6 8.g5 Black is slightly better.
8...dxe4 0.15/19
[8...Ng8∓ -0.44/17]
9.dxe4= Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Nd7

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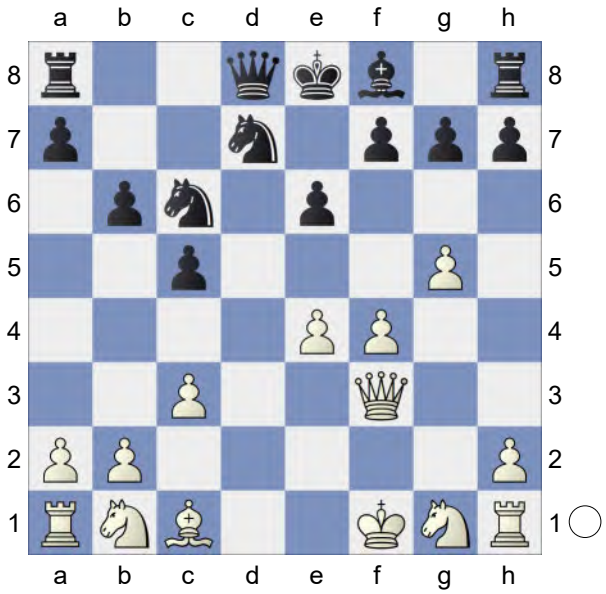
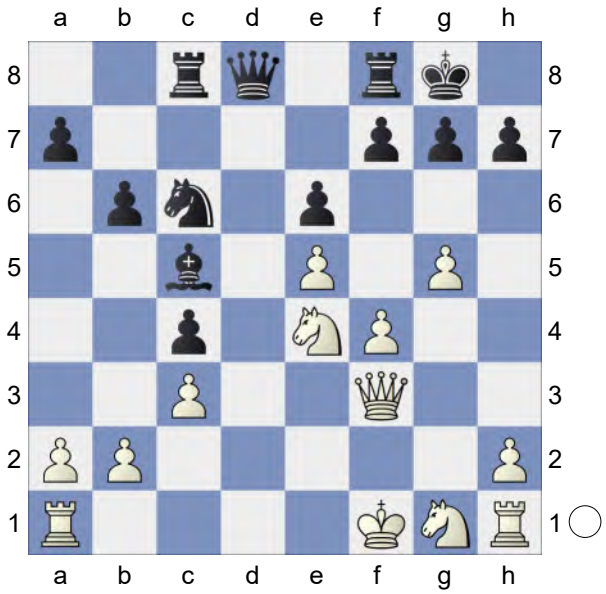
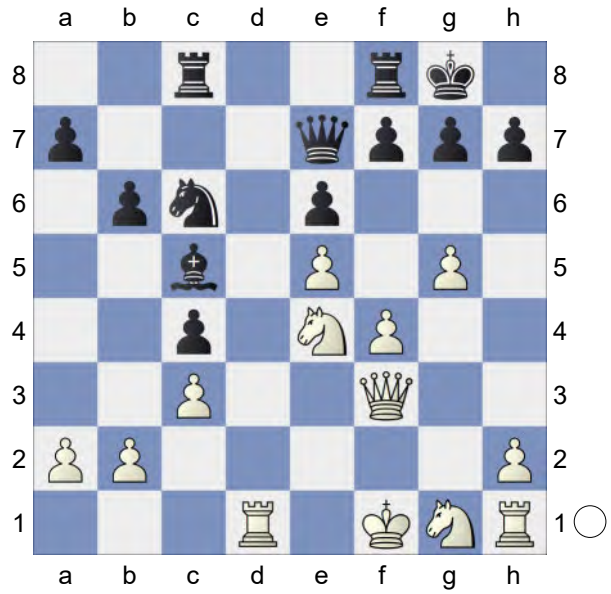


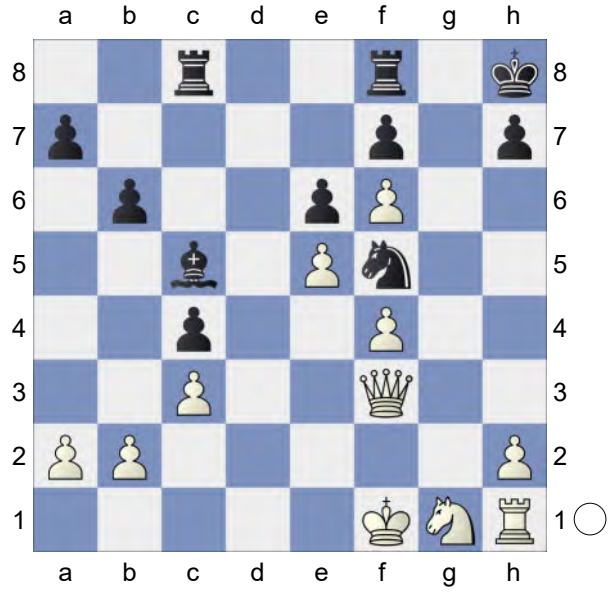
11.e5 -0.35/19
[11.h4= 0.12/18 might be stronger.]
11...Rc8∓ 12.Be3 c4 0.01/19
[12...h6!∓ -0.62/20 13.Nh3 Be7 14.gxh6 Rxh6]
13.Nd2= Nc5 14.Bxc5 -0.60/22
[14.Nxc4= 0.30/19 Qd3+ 15.Qe2]
14...Bxc5 0.01/22
[14...Qxd2∓ -0.60/22 15.Rd1 Qxb2 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 *(16...Kxf8 17.Ne2∓)*]
15.Ne4 0-0



16.Rd1 Qe7 3.22/21
[16...Qc7= -0.01/20]



17.Nf6+!+- Kh8
[17...gxf6? 18.gxf6 Kh8 19.fxe7+-]
18.Rd7 Trapped Piece **18...gxf6**
19.Rxe7 Nxe7 20.gxf6 Nf5



21.Nh3 Rcd8 22.Ng5 h6 23.Qh5
Rd2? 6.91/23
[23...Rd1+ 1.83/23 24.Kg2 Rd2+ 25.Kf3 *(25.Kh3 Rd3+ 26.Kg2 Rd2+ 27.Kf3 Rf2+ 28.Ke4 Be3±)* 25...Rf2+ 26.Ke4 Be3]
24.Nxf7+ Kh7 25.Ng5+ Kh8
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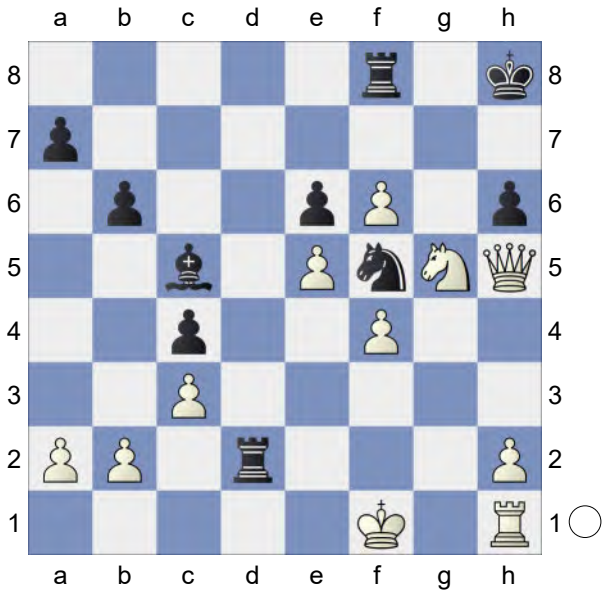
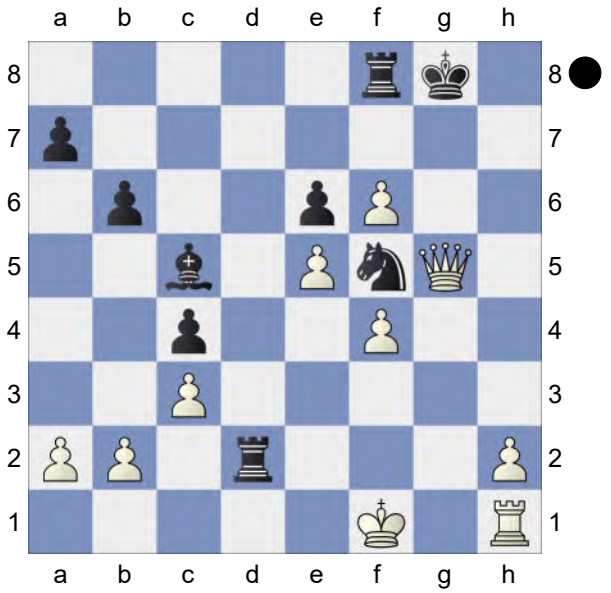
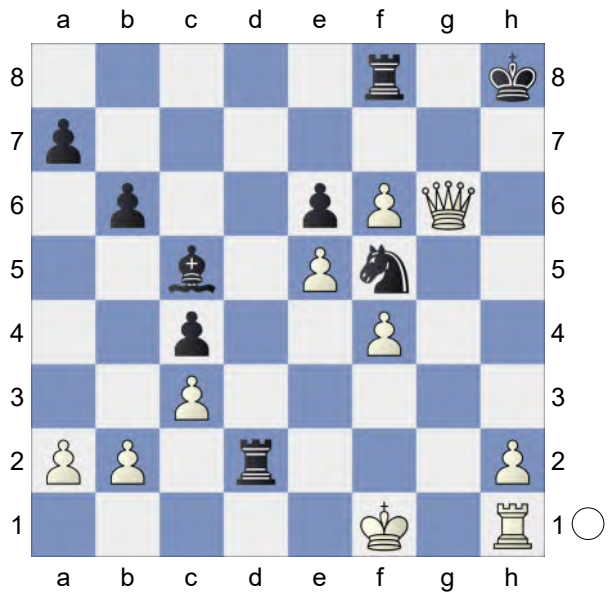


26.Qg6? -0.01/23 **hxg5= 27.Qh5+ Kg8**
28.Qxg5+ -1.01/25
[28.fxg5? Rfd8 *(28...Rxb2? 29.g6+-; 28...Ne3+? 29.Ke1+-)* 29.f7+ Kg7-+]
[28.Qg6+= 0.01/25 Kh8 29.b4 *(29.fxg5? Rfd8-+)*]



28...Kf7 0.01/26
[Better is 28...Kh7!∓ -1.01/25 ...Rd1+ is the strong threat. 29.Qh5+ Nh6]
29.Qh5+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Kh8



31.f7? -4.57/25 White is weak on the dark squares

[31.Qh5+= 0.01/26 and White stays safe. Kg8 32.Qg6+ Kh8 33.Ke1]

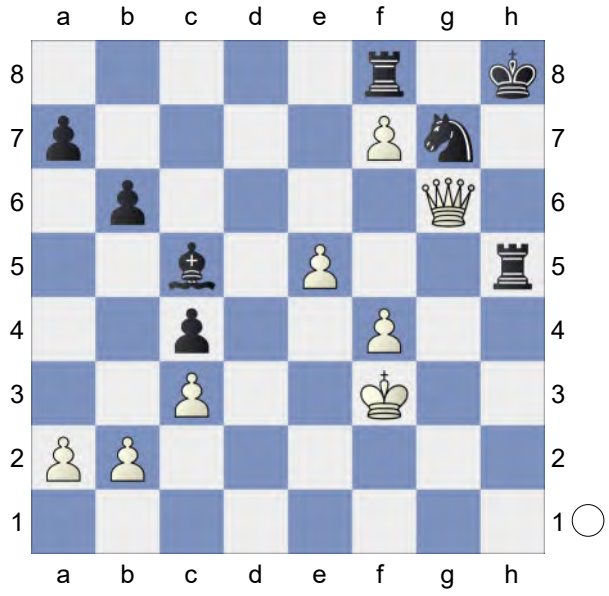
31...Rd1+-+

[31...Rxb2 32.Qxe6 Ne3+ 33.Ke1±]

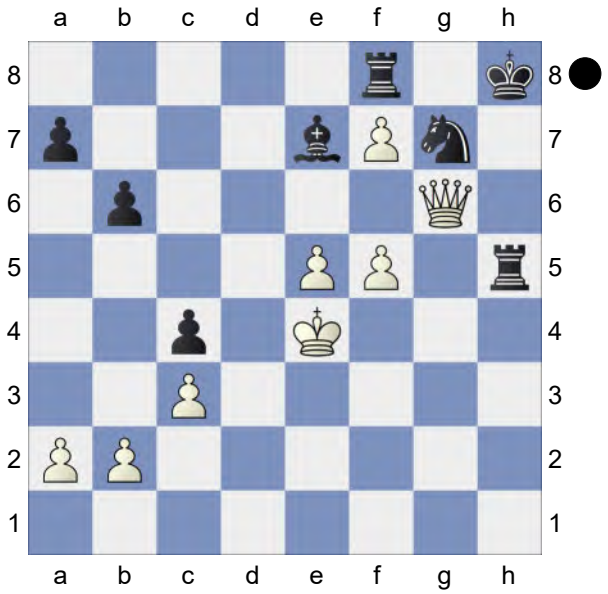
32.Ke2 Rxh1 33.Qxe6 Strongly threatening Qf6+. **33...Rxh2+ 34.Kf3 Ng7 35.Qg6 Rh5** -2.32/21

[35...Rxb2 36.Qh6#]

[⌓35...Rd8 -3.94/21 (→ ...Rd3+) 36.Qc6 Be7 *(36...Rxb2 37.Qh6#)*]



36.Ke4 Be7 Hoping for ...Rd8. **37.f5**



And now f6 would win. **37...Rh4+!**

[37...Rxf5 38.Qh6#]

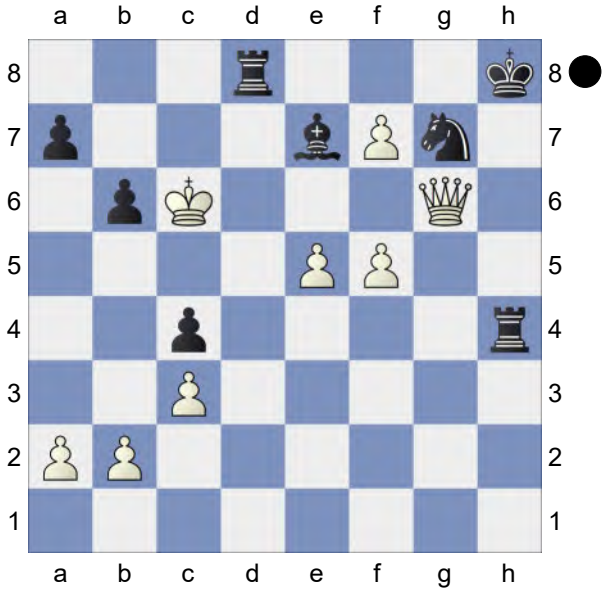
38.Kd5? -9.04/23

[38.Kf3 -2.16/23 Nxf5 *(38...Rh3+? 39.Ke2∓)* 39.Qxf5]

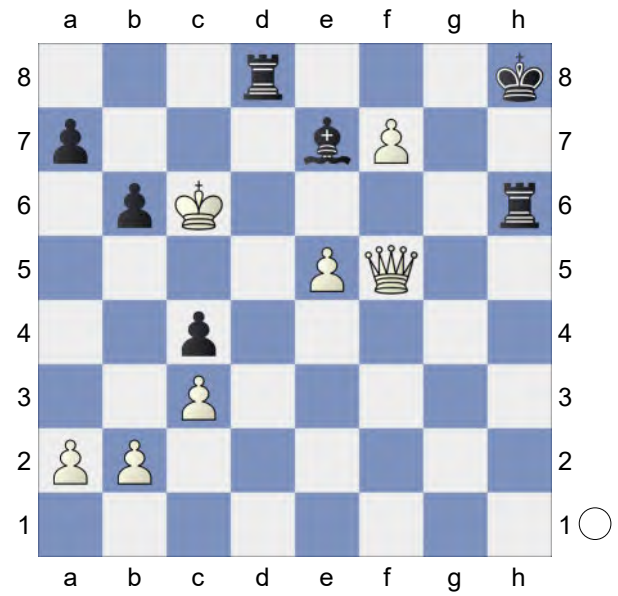
38...Rd8+? 0.01/23

[38...Rc8-+ -9.04/23 39.Qg1 Rc5+ *(39...Nxf5? 40.Ke6-+)* 40.Qxc5 Bxc5]

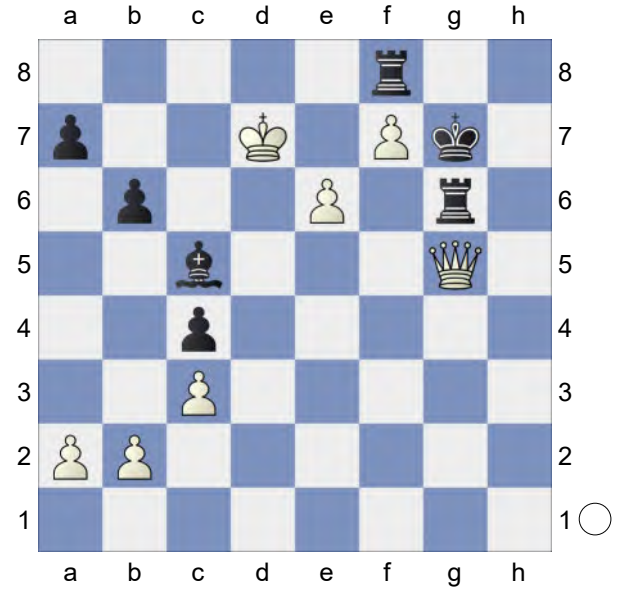
39.Kc6=



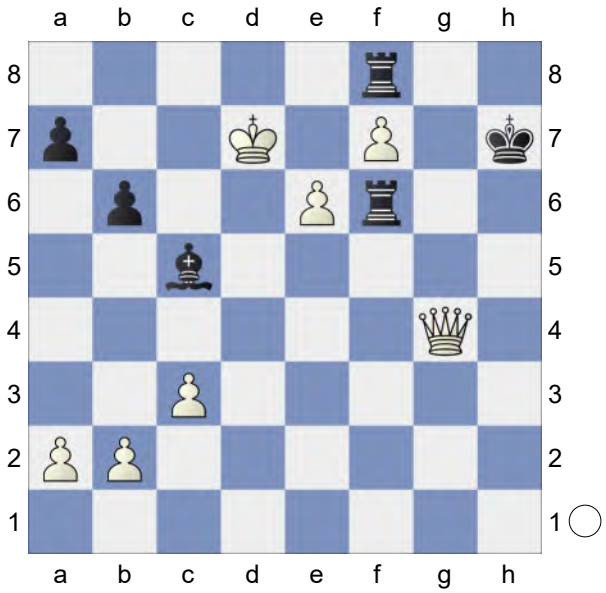
Chess con chili. **39...Nxf5 40.Qxf5** aiming for Qe6. **40...Rh6+**



41.Kc7 Rf8 42.Kd7 White has compensation. **42...Bc5** 2.64/27
[42...Bh4± 0.36/23]
43.e6+- Kg7 44.Qe5+ Rf6 45.Qg5+ Rg6



46.Qf4 Rf6? 4.22/25
[46...a5 2.43/25 47.e7 *(47.Qxc4 Ra8=)* 47...Rxf7 48.Qxf7+ Promotion *(48.Qxc4? Rxe7+ 49.Kd8 Kh8-+)* 48...Kxf7 49.e8Q+ *(49.e8R Rd6+* Deflection *50.Kc7 Kxe8 51.b3 Ke7 52.Kb8 cxb3 53.axb3 Kd7 54.Kb7 b5 55.b4 axb4 56.cxb4 Bxb4 57.Ka8 Kc7 58.Ka7 Bc5+ 59.Ka8 Rd8#)* 49...Kg7]
47.Qe5? 1.18/24
[47.Qxc4 Rf2 48.Qd5 *(48.Qg4+ Kf6+-)* 48...R2xf7+ 49.exf7 Rxf7+ 50.Kc6 Rf6+ 51.Kd7 a5 52.Qg5+ Rg6±]
[47.Qg4++- 4.22/25 Rg6 48.Qxc4]
47...Kg6? 2.79/24
[47...a5± 1.18/24]
48.Qe4+ Kg7 4.00/24
[48...Rf5 2.79/22 was worth a try. 49.Qxc4 *(49.e7 R8xf7 50.Qg4+ Kf6=)* 49...a5]
49.Qxc4? 1.37/24
[49.Qg4++- 4.00/24 is more deadly. Kh7 *(49...Rg6? 50.Qxc4 Bf2 51.Qe4+-)* 50.a4 *(50.Qxc4 Rf2+-)*]
49...Kg6? 8.32/24
[49...Rf2± 1.37/24]
50.Qg4+ Kh7



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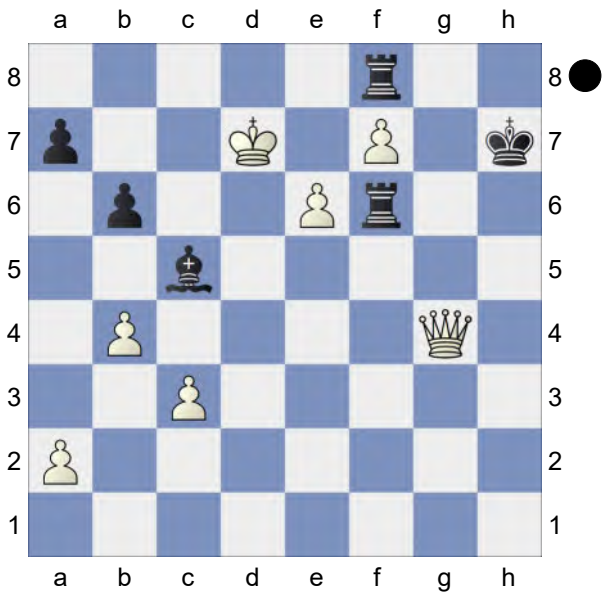

Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=0.82.

Loses game:	White=1	Black=4
Missed win:	White=2	Black=1
Mistake:	White=5	Black=8
Inaccurate:	White=2	Black=4
OK:	White=20	Black=9
Best:	White=2	Black=5
Strong:	---	Black=1
Brilliant:	White=1	---

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68 **B20**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2657**

■ **Markus,Robert** **2584**

Champions Challenge 92nd blitz (4.1)

[MH]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4 Nc6 4.c3 d5 5.d3 e5

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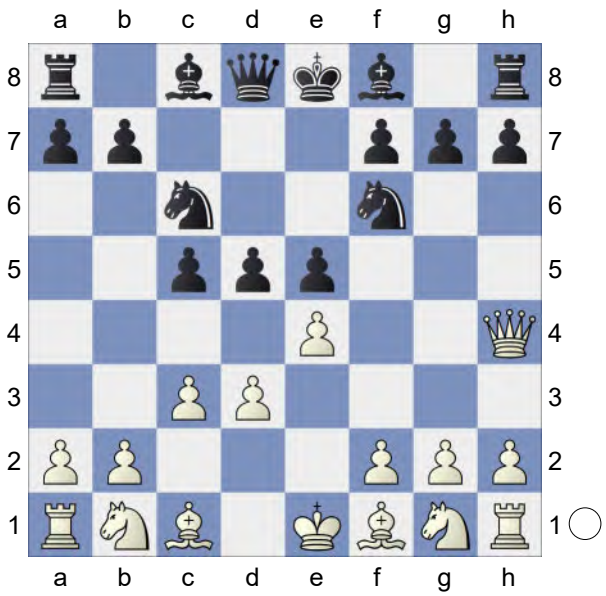


6.Bg5 -1.45/21

[⌓6.Be2 -0.99/19]

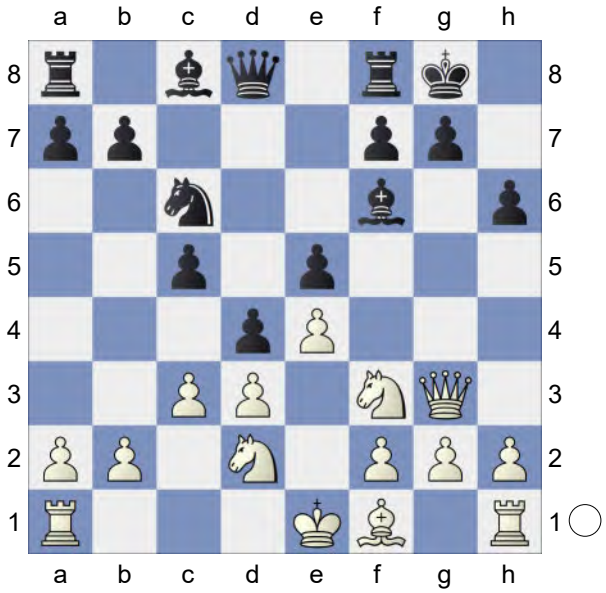
6...Be7 7.Nf3 -1.51/21

[⌓7.exd5 -1.15/20 Nxd5 *(7...Qxd5 8.Nd2∓)* 8.Bxe7 Ndxe7 *(8...Ncxe7 9.Nf3∓)* 9.Nd2]

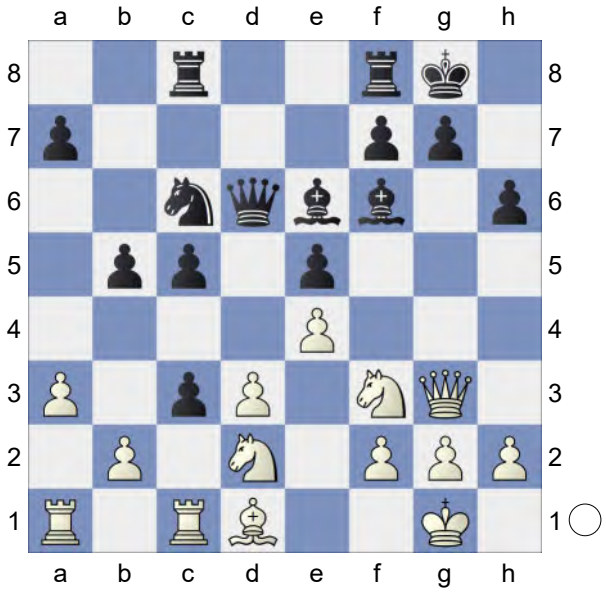
7...0-0 -1.04/20

[⌓7...Qb6 -1.51/21 8.b3 h6 9.exd5 Nxd5 *(9...hxg5? 10.Qxh8+ Bf8 11.dxc6+-)* 10.Bxe7 Ncxe7 *(10...Ndxe7 11.Be2∓)*]

8.Nbd2 Black is better. **8...h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qg3 d4**

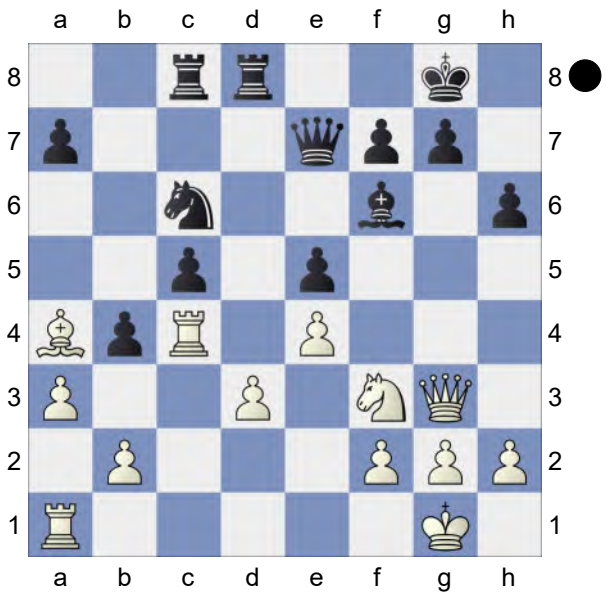


11.Be2 Be6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Rfc1 Qd6 -0.68/20
[13...Qb6∓ -1.07/19 14.a4 Rfd8 *(14...Qxb2 15.Rab1=)*]
14.a3 -1.22/20
[14.Nc4∓ -0.68/20 Bxc4 15.dxc4]
14...b5 15.Bd1 -2.10/19
[15.cxd4∓ -0.93/21 keeps fighting. Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Rab1]
15...dxc3-+

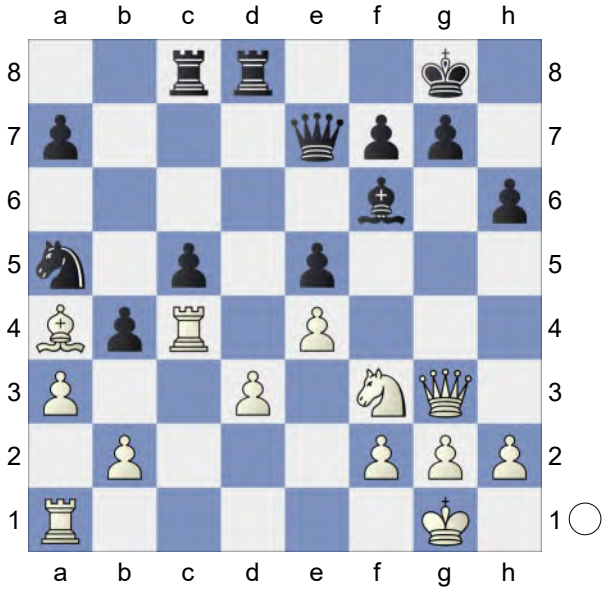


16.Rxc3 b4 17.Nc4 Qe7 -0.90/23
[17...Qd8-+ -2.02/22 is more deadly. 18.Rcc1 Qxd3]
18.Rcc1 Rfd8 19.Ba4 -1.78/22
[19.axb4∓ -1.10/21 cxb4 20.Be2]
19...Bxc4 -0.68/22
[19...Rxd3-+ -1.78/22 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Ncxe5 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 b3]
20.Rxc4 -1.53/22
[20.dxc4∓ -0.68/22 bxa3 21.Rxa3]

(Diagram)

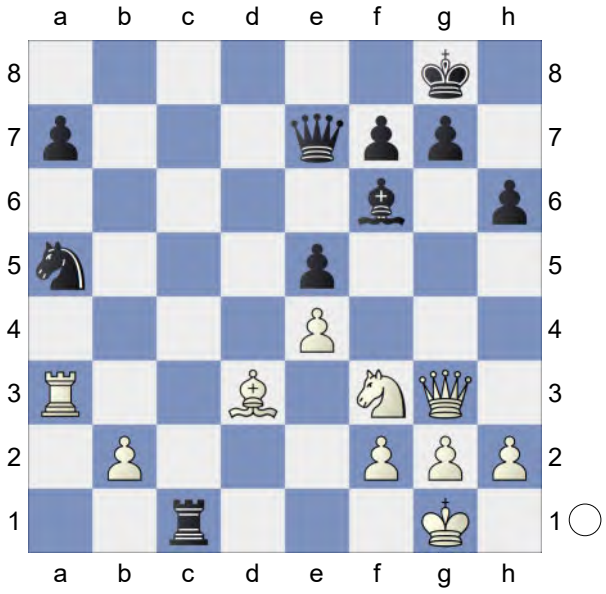


20...Na5 -0.91/23
[20...Rxd3 21.Qg4 *(21.Bxc6 Rxc6 22.axb4 Ra6∓* Back Rank *)* 21...Rcd8 22.axb4∓]
[Better is 20...bxa3! -1.53/22 21.bxa3 *(21.Rxa3? Qb7-+)* 21...Rxd3]



21.Rcc1 -1.29/21
[White should play 21.Rc2 -0.91/23]
21...bxa3∓
[21...Rxd3 22.axb4 Nb7 23.Bb5=]
22.Rxa3 c4 Strongly threatening ...Qb4.
23.Bb5? -3.98/23

[23.h3∓ -1.22/20 is a better defense.]
23...cxd3? -1.48/21
[23...Qb4-+ -3.98/23 24.Rxa5 *(24.dxc4? Qxb2 25.Raa1 Nb3-+)* 24...cxd3 Discovered Attack *(24...Qxa5? 25.Bxc4-+)* 25.Rxc8 *(25.Rxa7? is a self mate. Rxc1+)* 25...Rxc8 26.Bxd3 Rc1+ *(26...Qxa5? 27.h4-+)* 27.Bf1 Qxa5]
24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxd3 Rc1+→



Black attacks with force. **26.Bf1 Qc5** -0.67/24
[Black should try 26...Nc4∓ -1.47/22 27.Rc3 Rxc3 *(27...Nxb2?* is the wrong capture. *28.Rxc1 Na4 29.Ne1+-)* 28.bxc3 Nb2]
27.Nd2∓ Bg5 Prevents Qe3. Black is more active. White is weak on the dark squares **28.Rxa5??** -3.33/24 **Qxa5-+ 29.Nb3**

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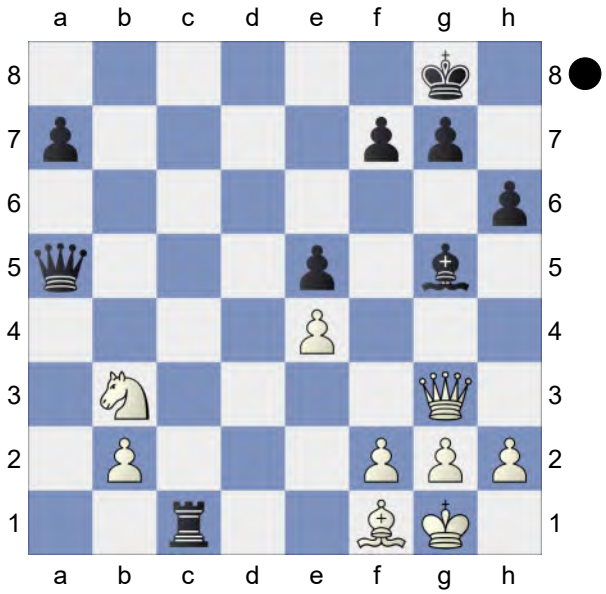
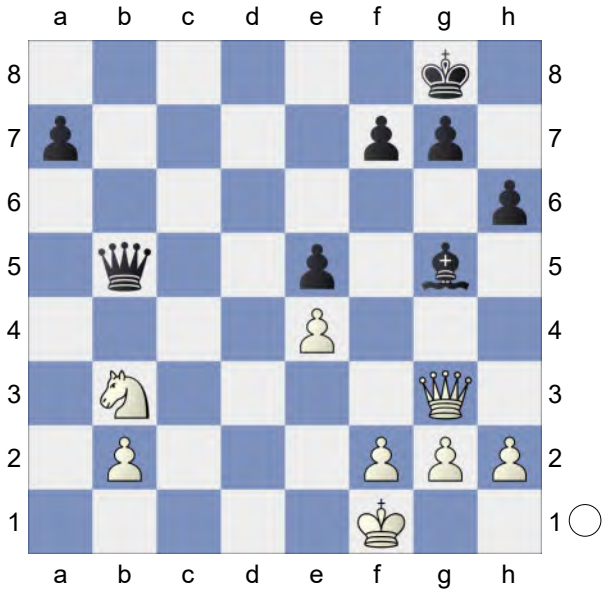


Rxf1+! 30.Kxf1 Qb5+



31.Kg1? -15.29/25
[31.Ke1 -3.00/23 Be7 *(31...Qb4+? 32.Qc3-+)* 32.Kd2]
31...Qe2!

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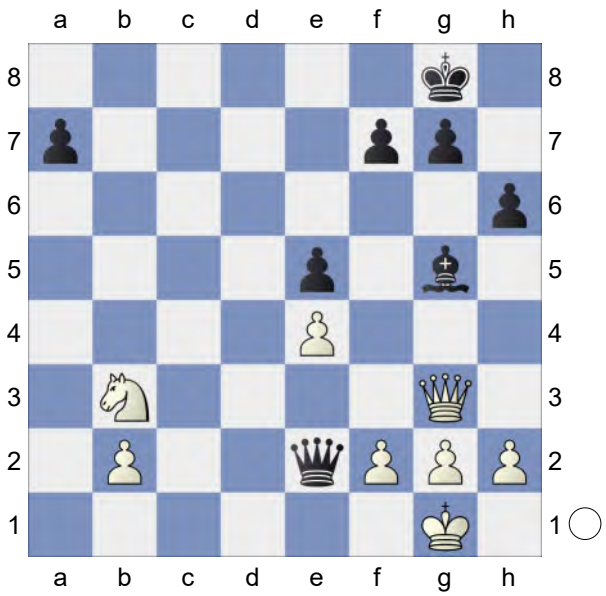

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.42. Loses game: White=2 --- Missed win: --- Black=1 Mistake: White=7 Black=6 Inaccurate: White=2 Black=1 OK: White=8 Black=9 Best: White=2 Black=1 Brilliant: --- Black=1

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69 **B20**

□ **Asassin56** **2654**

■ **Hosein76** **2398**

Rapid 25.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves 'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**

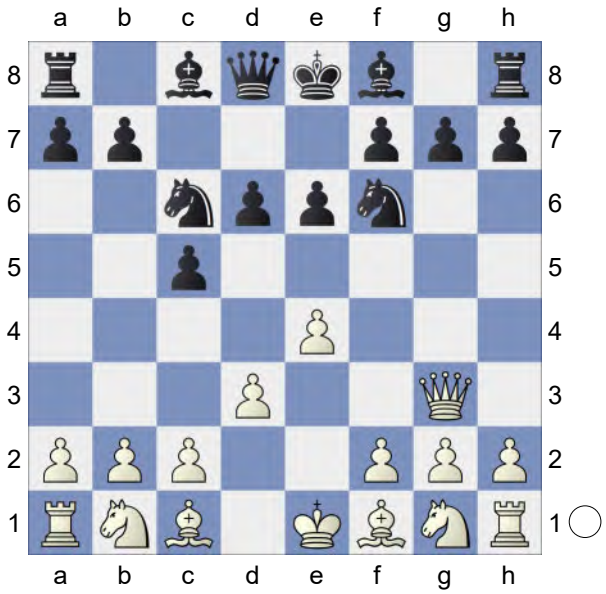
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.d3N

[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

3...Nf6 4.Qh4 e6 5.Qg3 Nc6

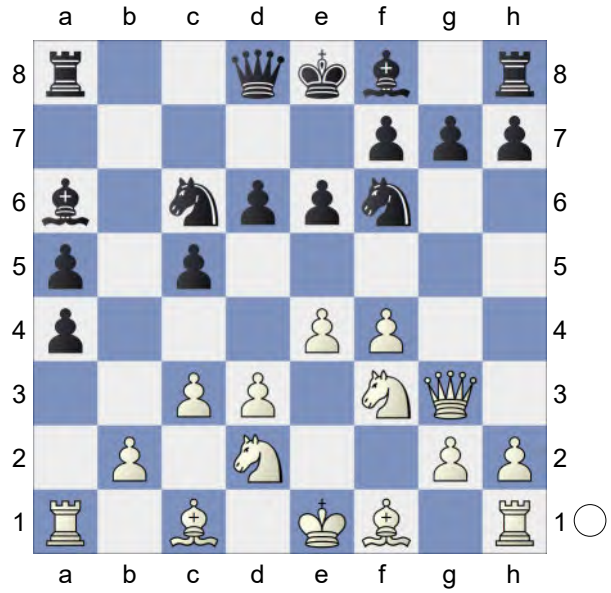


6.c3 b5 7.f4 Bb7 -0.42/20

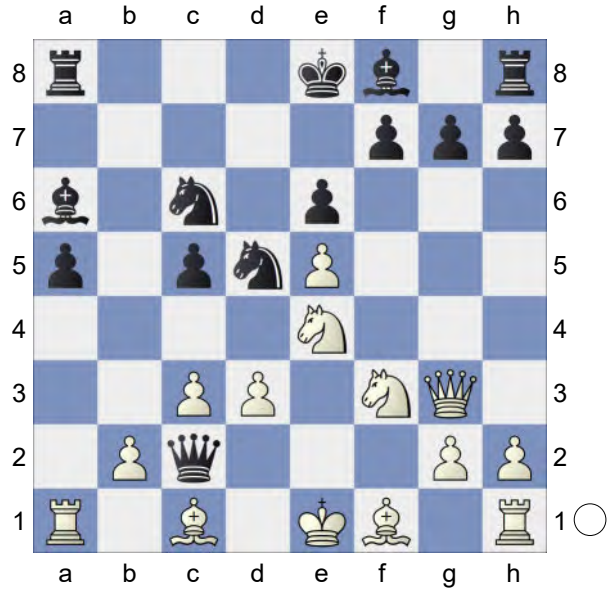
[7...b4∓ -0.79/20]

8.Nf3∓ Black is slightly better. **8...a5**

-0.12/21
[8...g6∓ -0.48/22]
9.a4 bxa4 10.Nbd2 Ba6

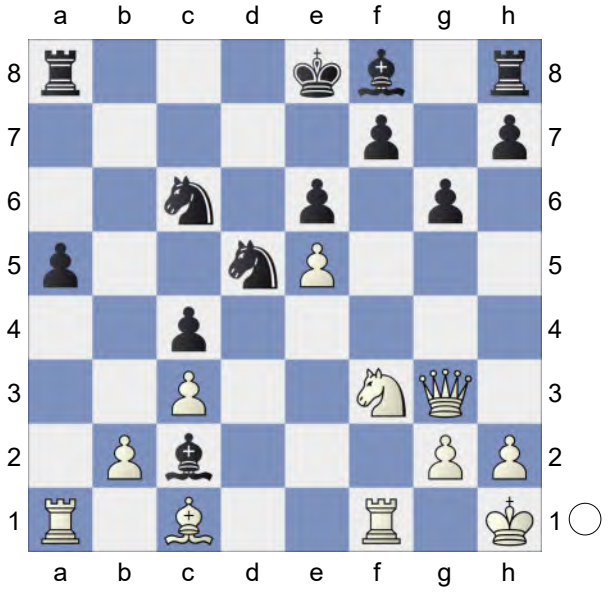


Prevents Nc4 **11.e5 Nd5** 0.57/22
[11...Nh5∓ -0.53/19 12.Qg4 g6]
12.Ne4± dxe5 0.82/16
[12...f5!= 0.30/19]
13.fxe5± Qb6 14.Rxa4 Qb3 1.36/20
[⌓14...0-0-0 0.87/17]
15.Ra1! Qc2

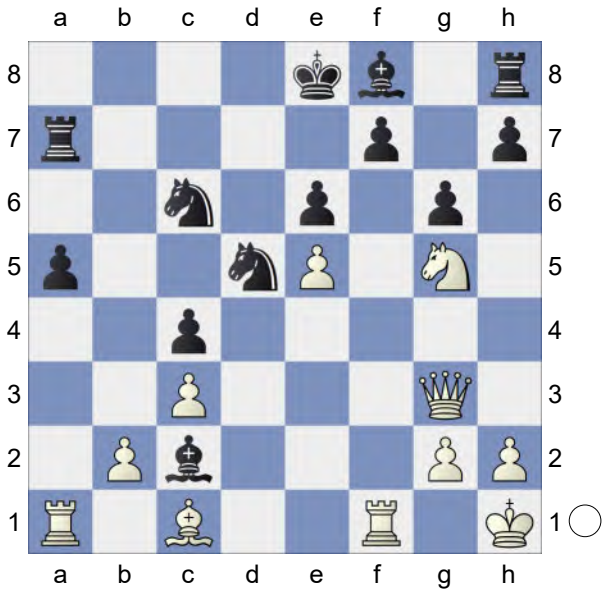


16.Be2 and Bd2 would now be decisive
16...Bxd3 1.67/19
[16...h5± 0.75/17]

17.Bd1+- Bxe4 2.58/18
[17...Qxd1+ 1.71/18 was worth a try.
18.Kxd1 Bxe4]
18.Bxc2 Bxc2 19.0-0 c4 20.Kh1 g6 3.78/20
[⌓20...a4 2.37/17 21.Nd2 Bd3]



21.Ng5 Ra7



22.Nxf7 2.74/17 **Rxf7 23.Rxf7**
Remove Defender **23...Kxf7**

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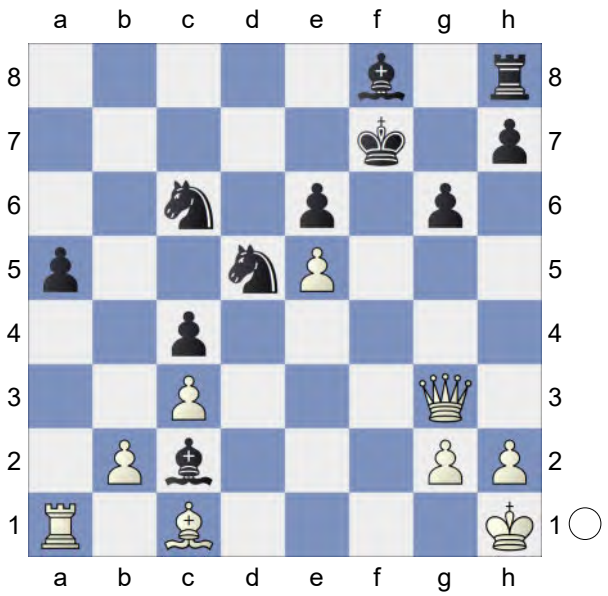
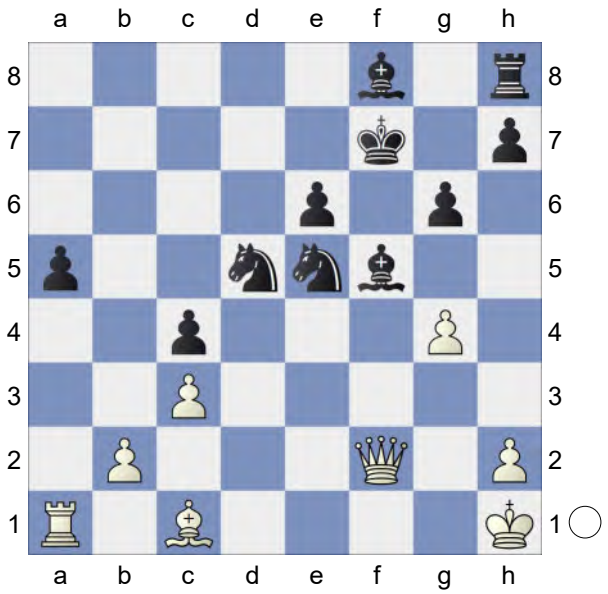


24.Qf2+ Bf5 25.g4 Pin **25...Nxe5** 4.39/20

[⌓25...Rg8 2.82/18 26.gxf5 gxf5]



26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Rxa5 Nd3 28.Qf3 Nxc1 5.35/20

[⌓28...Nf6 3.43/18 29.Qc6 Be7]

29.Rxd5 Deflection **29...exd5 30.Qxf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.74

30...Ke7

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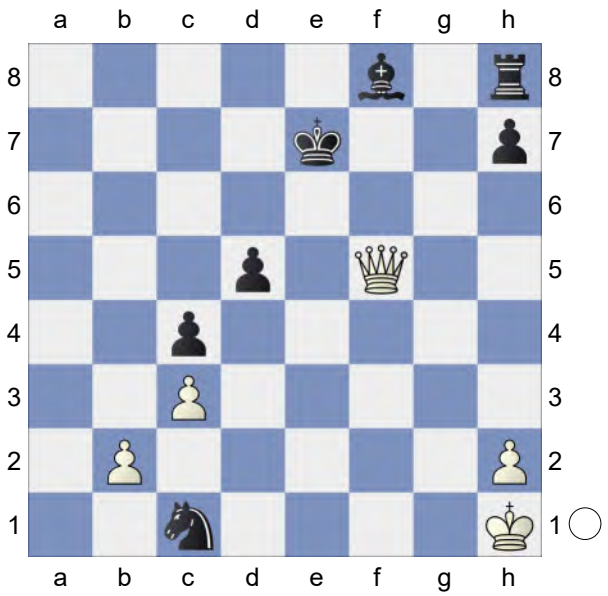

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70 **B20**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,R** **2608**

■ **Klimkowski,Jan** **2296**

Titled Tuesday 23rd Mar blitz (7) 23.3.21

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qh4

[3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]

3...Nc6

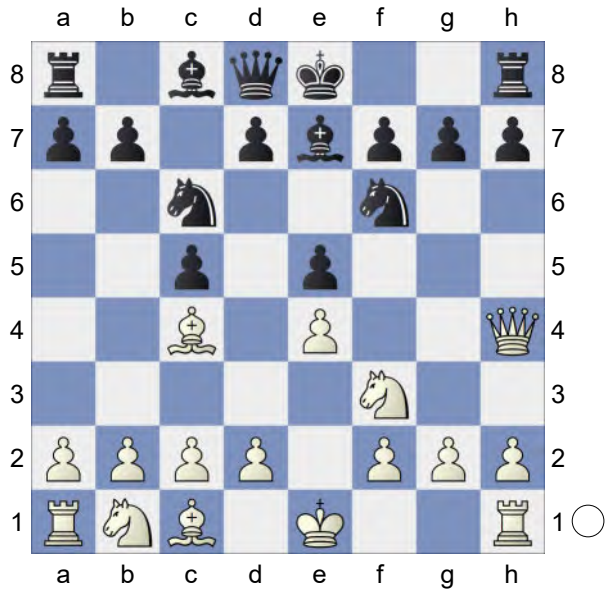
[3...d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 18.h3 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-

Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

4.Nf3 e5N

[4...d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 *(6...e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Nd5 Bd8 15.f4 f6 16.Rf2 Rc8 17.Raf1 Rc5 18.h4 Qc8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Rxf6* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2763)-Sarana,A (2656) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (1.24)*)* 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nb5 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

5.Bc4 Be7



6.Nc3 -1.26/19

[6.d3∓ -0.67/19]

6...0-0∓

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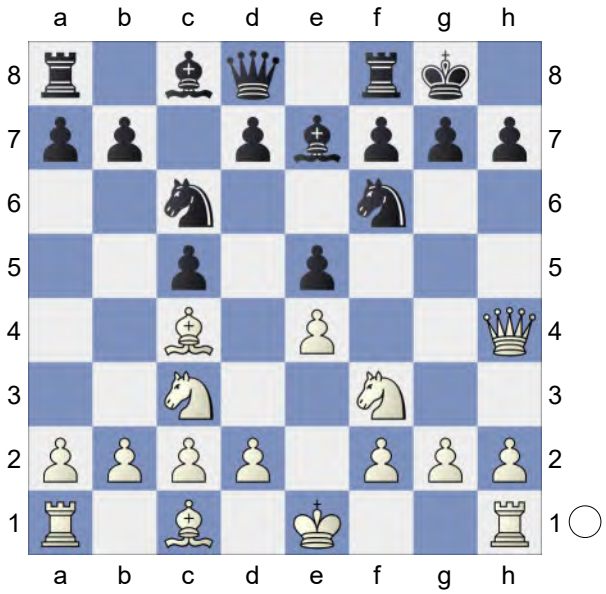


7.d3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 -2.68/20

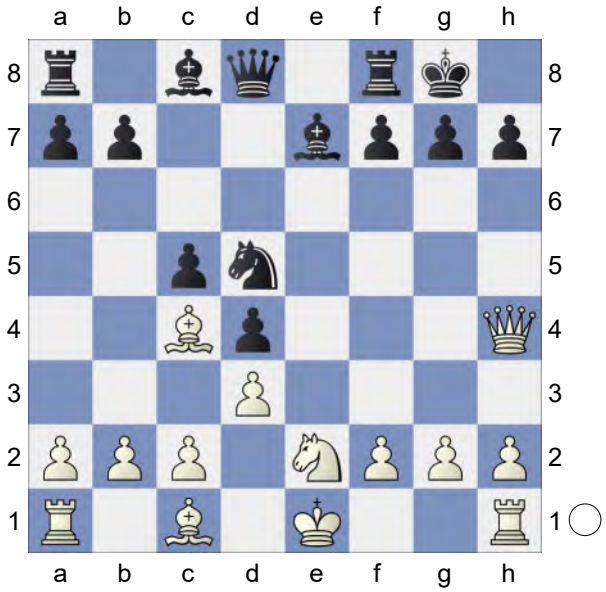
[8.0-0∓ -1.32/18]

8...exd4-+

[8...cxd4 9.Nd1∓]

9.Ne2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 -1.09/20

[10...b5-+ -3.25/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 11.Bb3 Ng4 *(11...Nxd5 12.Qg3∓)*]

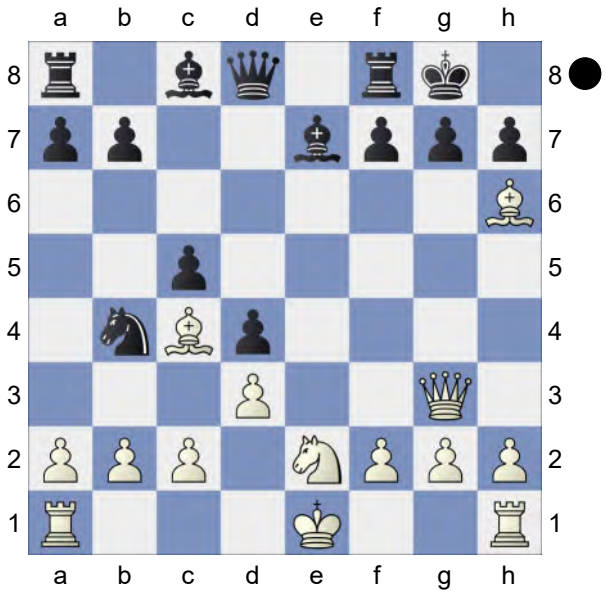


11.Qg3∓ Nb4 -0.51/19

[11...b5∓ -1.10/19 12.Bxd5 Qxd5]

12.Bh6 -1.55/19

[12.0-0!∓ -0.51/19]



12...Bf6!↑ Keeping White busy.
[12...Nxc2+ 13.Kd2 Bf6 14.Kxc2±]
13.0-0-0 -2.11/17
[⩲13.Kf1 -1.62/16]
13...b5!-+ 14.Bb3 -3.40/17
[⩲14.Bxb5 -2.05/17 Nxa2+ 15.Kb1]
14...a5 15.Nf4 Kh8
[15...a4 16.Bxg7 Bh4 *(16...Bxg7?* perishes. *17.Nh5+-)* 17.Qf3 axb3 *(17...Kxg7? 18.Qxa8 axb3 19.axb3-+)* 18.a3 Na2+ *(18...Nxc2 19.Bxf8 Ra6 20.g3=; 18...Kxg7? 19.Qxa8 Nxc2 20.Qc6-+)* 19.Kb1-+]

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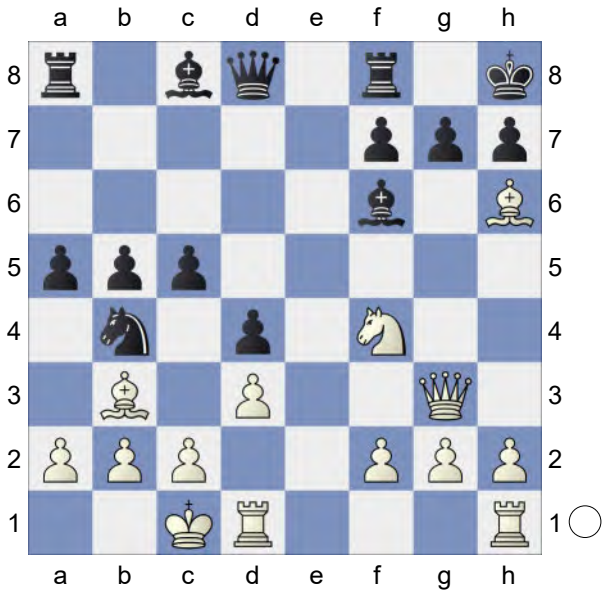
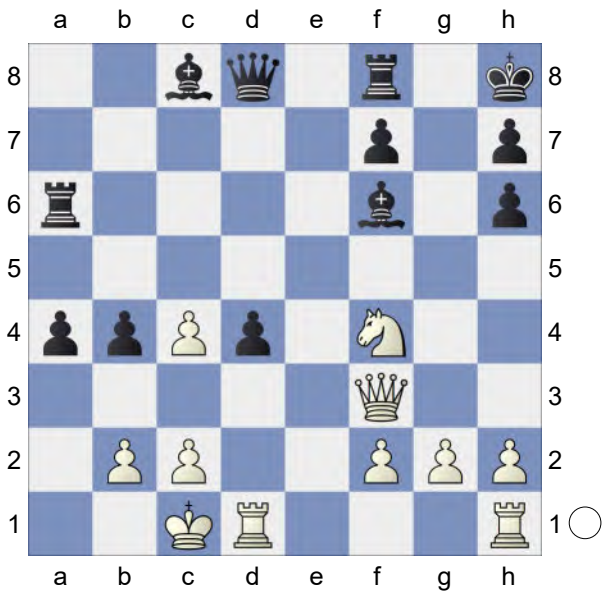
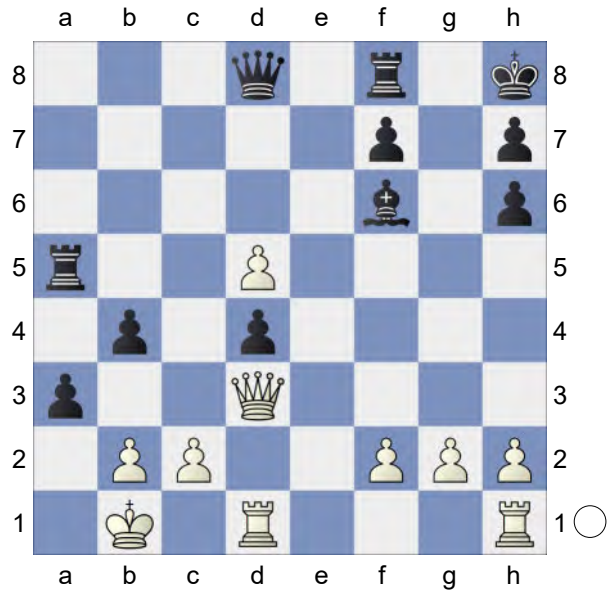


16.a3 a4
[16...gxh6 17.axb4 Rg8 *(17...cxb4 18.Rdg1∓)* 18.Qf3-+]
17.Qf3 Ra6
[Not 17...axb3 18.Qxa8 bxc2 *(18...Nxc2? 19.Qd5-+)* 19.Rd2-+]
18.Bc4 bxc4 Black is clearly winning.
19.axb4 gxh6 20.dxc4 cxb4



21.Nd5 Bb7 22.Kb1 Bxd5 23.cxd5 a3 Threatens to win with ...axb2. **24.Qd3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.21 (precise)

24...Ra5



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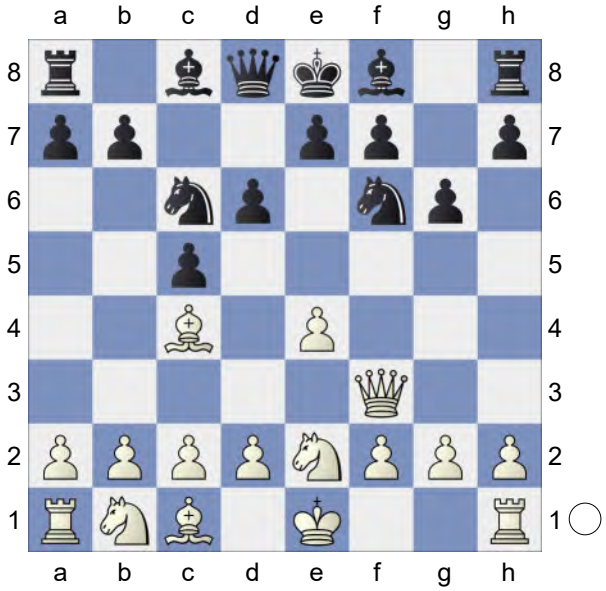
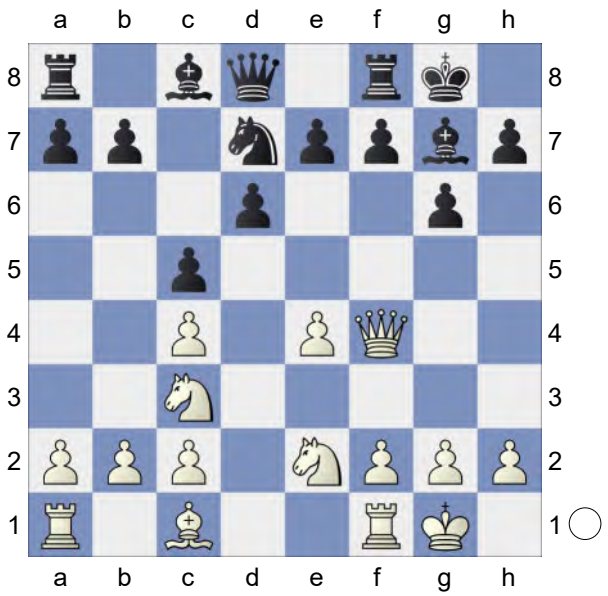
71 **B20**
Sadjohnson **2378**
Hazelnut0013 **2578**
Rapid 07.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Bc4 g6N
[3...e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Nc6



6.d3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbc3
Black is slightly better. **8...Ne5** -0.19/19
[8...Rb8∓ -0.60/18 should be considered.]
9.Qf4 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Nd7 0.21/18
[Black should play 10...Nh5∓ -0.34/20 11.Qd2 b6]

(Diagram)

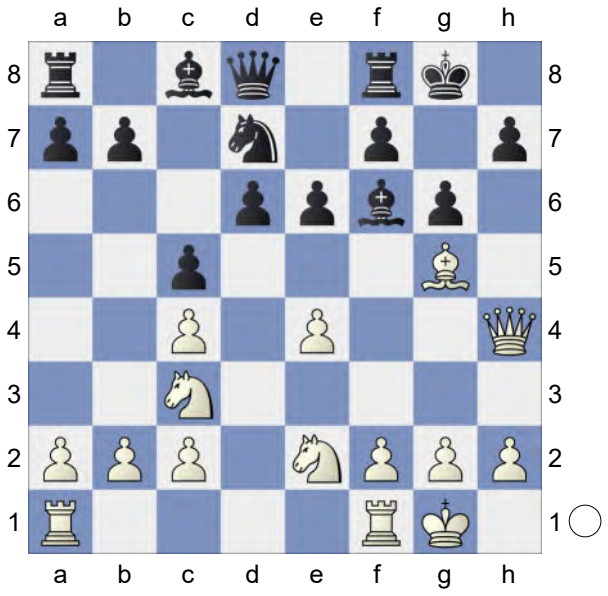


11.Qh4= e6 0.73/20

[11...Ne5= 0.19/19 remains equal.]

12.Bg5± Bf6 1.85/20

[12...f6± 0.71/19 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Ne5]



13.Bxf6!+- Qxf6

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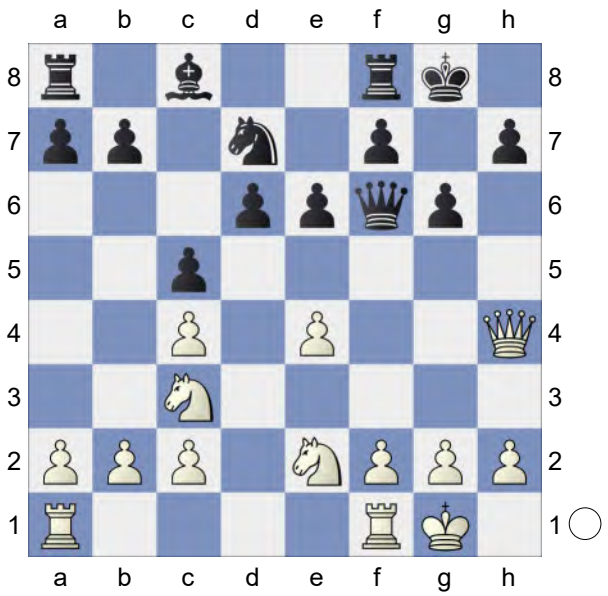
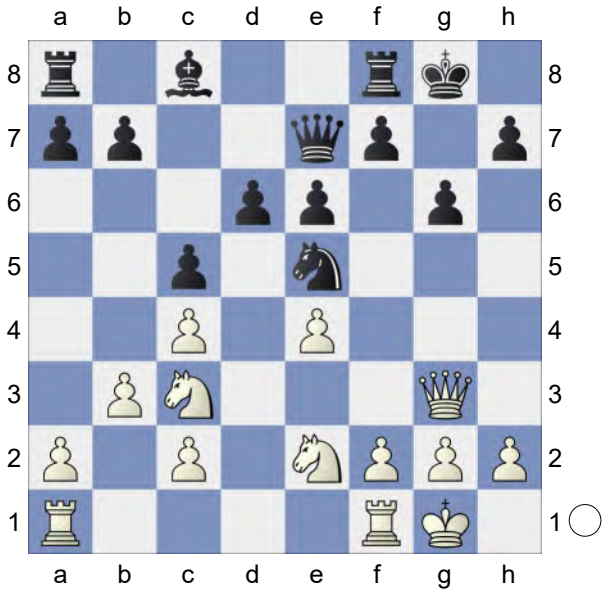


14.Qg3 Ne5 15.b3 Qe7



16.Rad1 Rd8 17.f4 Nc6 18.f5 b6 19.f6 Qf8 20.Nb5 e5

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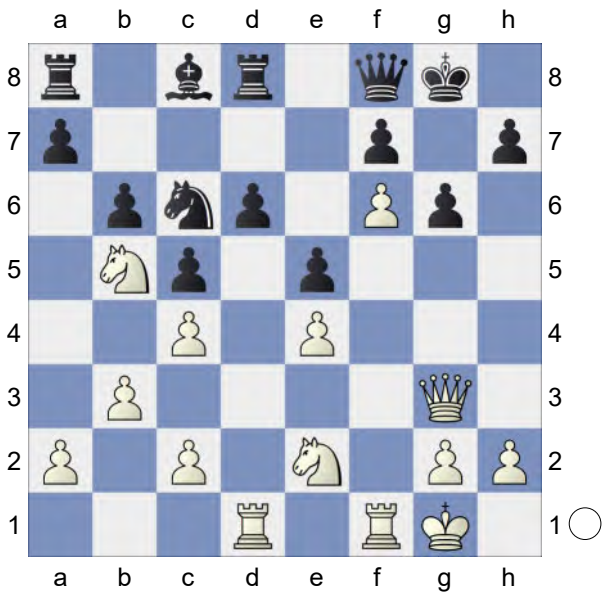
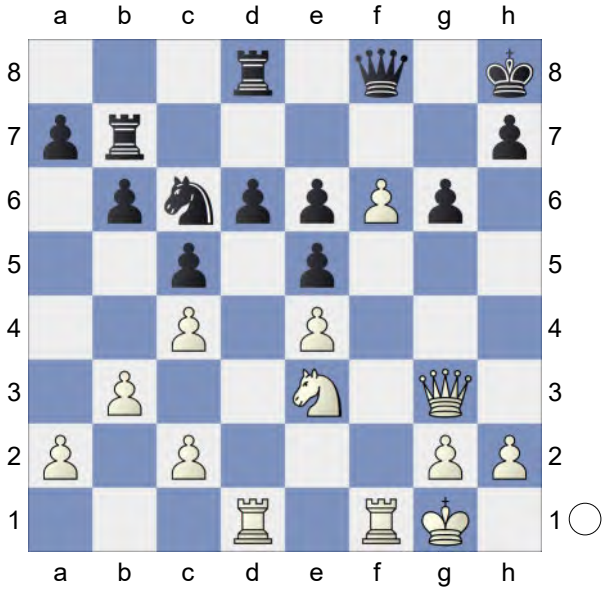
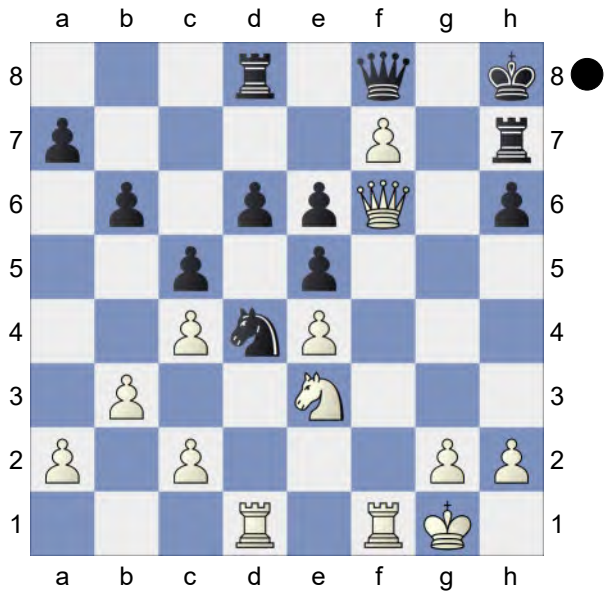


21.Nc7 Rb8 22.Nc3↑ White is on the roll. White has more active pieces.
22...Rb7 23.N3d5 Be6? 3.54/22
[23...h6± 1.56/17 24.Qh4 Rd7]
24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Ne3 Kh8



26.Qg5 h6 3.60/20
[26...Ra8 2.57/19 was worth a try. 27.Rf3 Nd8]
27.Qxg6 Rh7? 7.66/20 Black is weak on the light squares
[27...Qg8 2.91/18 28.Qh5 *(28.Qxh6+ Rh7±)* 28...Qg5 29.Qxg5 hxg5]
28.f7 Nd4 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.71
29.Qf6+



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72 **B20**
□ **Kvisla,Johannes Luangtep** **2318**
■ **Indjic,Aleksandar** **2589**
Chess.com INT blitz (7) 25.04.2017
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' 'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves'' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nc6N**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M

(2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)) 3...Nc6 4.Be2 (*4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ Qxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7* 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)) 4...e5 5.d3 Be7 6.Qg3 d5 7.Nd2 0-0 8.c3 b5 9.Nh3 d4 10.c4 Ne8 11.cxb5 Bh4 12.Qf3 Nb4 13.Bd1 f5 14.a3 Nd6 15.axb4 fxe4 16.Qh5 Bxh3 17.g3 0-1 (23) Osmolovsky (2660)-5.00 00 6.a4 (2671) 101/(417) Cali 2007 (3.2)]

[2...d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

[2...e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Rapport,R (2713)-Laznicka,V (2675) Novy Bor m playoff blitz 2014 (2)]

3.d3 e6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qh4 h6

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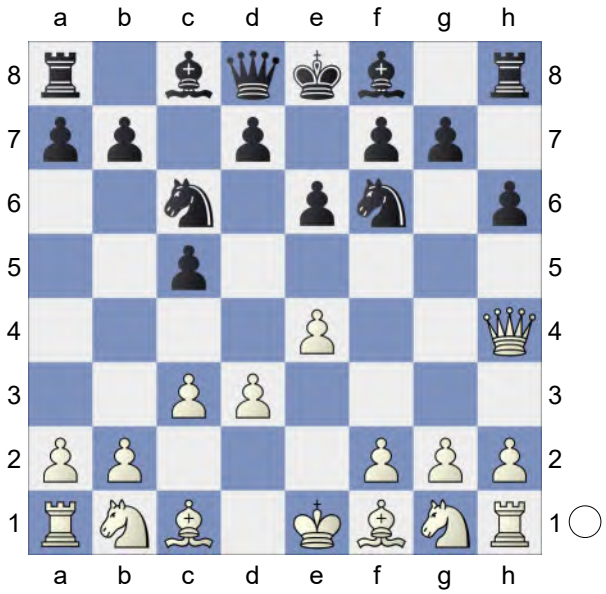


6.f4 d5 -0.36/18

[6...Be7∓ -0.92/20 7.e5 Nd5]

7.Nd2 -0.93/19

[7.e5∓ -0.36/18 Nd7 8.Qg3]

7...Be7 -0.43/20

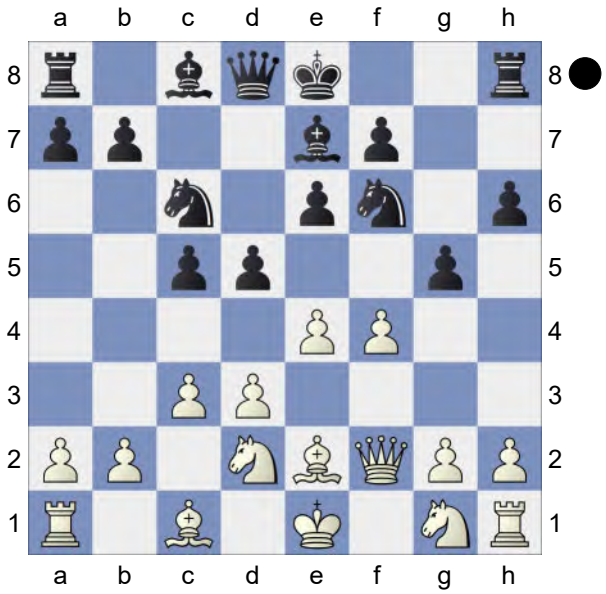
[Black should try 7...e5∓ -0.93/19 8.f5 Be7]

8.Qf2 -1.00/18

[8.e5∓ -0.43/20]

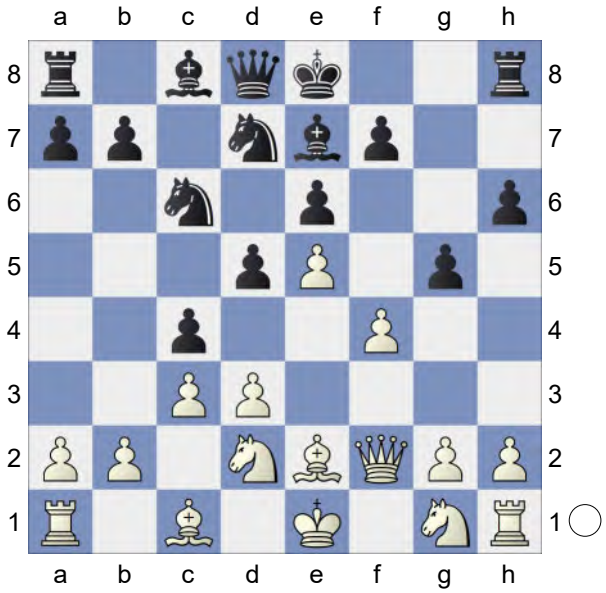
8...g5 9.Be2 -1.38/19

[Better is 9.e5 -0.73/18 Nh5 10.g3]

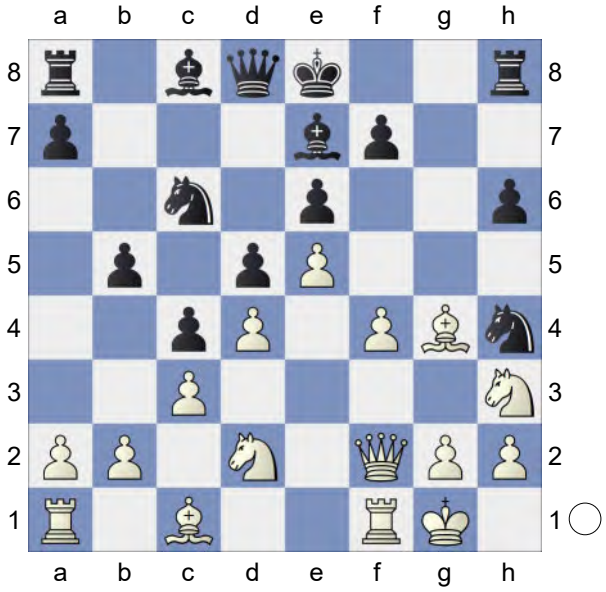


9...c4? 1.05/18 White leaves nothing to

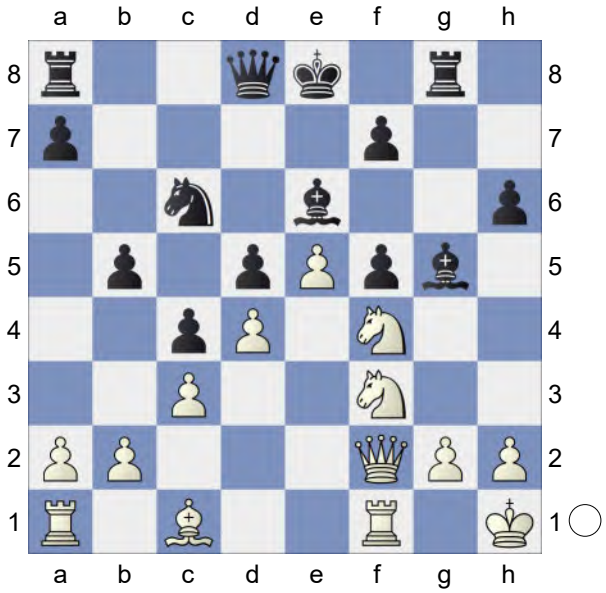
chance now. **10.e5± Nd7** 1.47/19
[⌓10...Nh7 1.05/18]



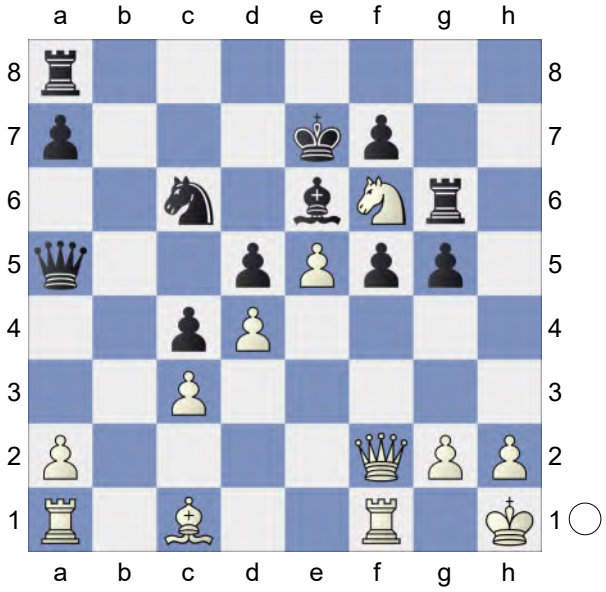
11.d4 Nf8 2.17/19
[11...Qb6± 1.42/17 12.b3 Qa5]
12.Bh5 Ng6 13.Nh3 b5 14.0-0 g4 15.Bxg4 Nh4



16.f5! Nxf5
[16...exf5 17.Bd1]
17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Nf4 Be6 19.Nf3 Rg8 2.12/17
[19...b4 1.66/16 20.Nh5 Kd7]
20.Kh1 Bg5 2.56/16
[20...Kd7 1.90/17 is a better defense. 21.Ne1 Kc7]



21.Nh5+- and Nxg5 should not be overlooked. A dynamic duo of knights.
21...Rg6 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Nf6+ Ke7 24.b3 Qa5 25.bxc4 bxc4



26.Bxg5! Rxg5 27.Qh4 Prevents Rh8.
27...Rg6

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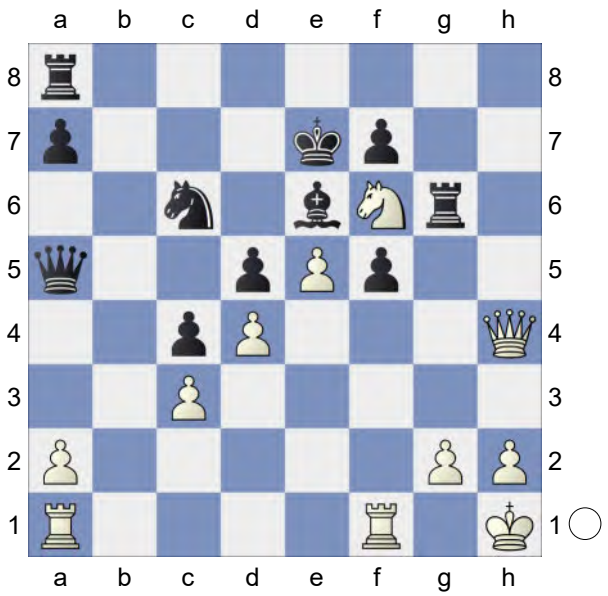
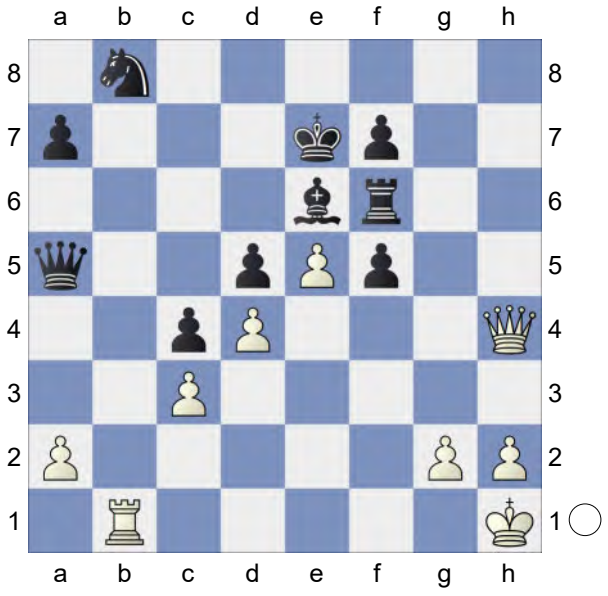
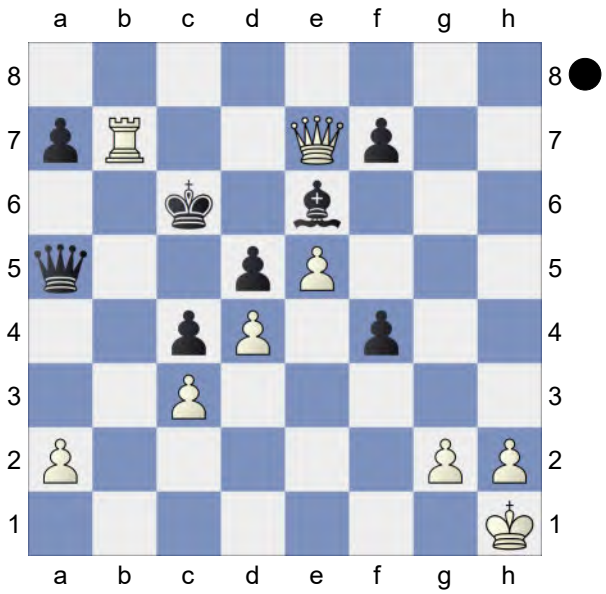


28.Rab1!
[28.Nxd5+ Kd7 29.Ne3 Kc7∓ *(29...Qxc3 30.Rfe1∓)*]
28...Rb8 4.89/19 Against Rb7+
[28...Qa6 1.91/18]
29.Rxb8 Nxb8 30.Rb1 Rxf6 12.28/24
[30...Nd7 3.97/19 31.Nxd7+ *(31.Nxd5+ Kf8=)* 31...Kxd7]



31.Qxf6+ Kd7 32.Rxb8 Threatening mate with Qh8. **32...f4 33.Rb7+** 10.54/21
[⌓33.Qh8 #8/15 Kc6 34.Qe8+ *(34.Qf8 Qc7 35.Qc5+ Kd7 36.Qb5+ Qc6 37.Rb7+* Deflection, Double Attack *Ke8 38.Qxc6+ Kf8 39.Rxa7 f3)* 34...Bd7 35.Qf8 *(35.Qxf7 Kc7+-; 35.Rc8+ Qc7+-)* 35...Qb6 36.Qd6+ *(36.Rxb6+ axb6 37.Qd6+* Deflection *Kb7 38.Qxd7+ Ka6 39.a4 f3 40.gxf3 b5 41.a5 b4 42.Qc7 Kb5 43.Qc5+ Ka6 44.Qb6#)* 36...Kb5 37.Rxb6+ axb6 38.Qxd5+ *(38.Qxd7+ Ka6 39.a4 f5 40.Qc7 f3 41.gxf3 f4 42.e6 b5 43.a5 b4 44.Qb6#)* 38...Ka6 39.Qa8+ Kb5 40.a4#]
33...Kc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=1.08
34.Qe7



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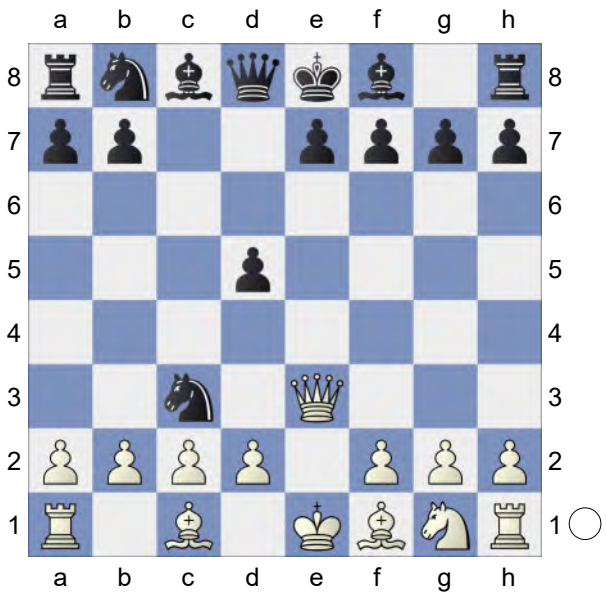
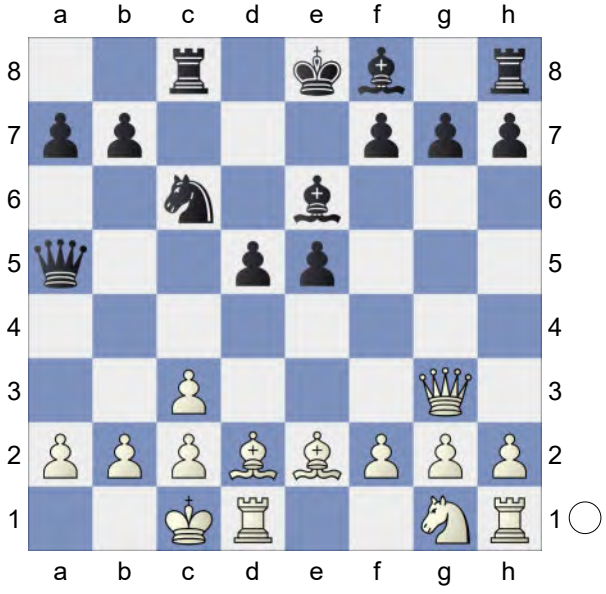
73 **B20**
□ **Maciulewicz,Christopher** **2300**
■ **Marcotulli,Giancarlo** **2157**
SEMI Mack Attack theme email 15.12.00
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5
[4...Nf6 5.Nf3 d5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.b3 Rc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.Re1 Nh5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nf6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 0-0 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nbd2 e5 19.Nf1 1-0 (45) Marcotulli,G (2157)-Sveinsson,J (2000) Sicilian - Mack Attack 2000]
5.Nc3
[5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
5...Nxc3N
[5...Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]

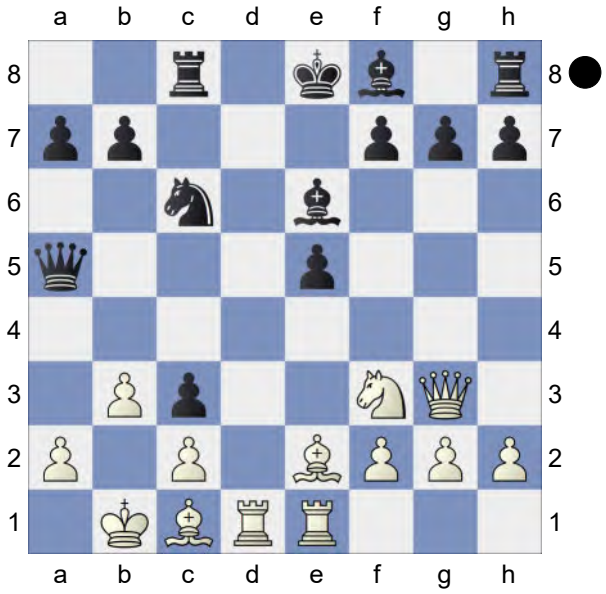


6.dxc3 Nc6 7.Bd2 e5 8.0-0-0 Black has an edge. **8...Be6 9.Qg3** -0.91/18
[9.Kb1∓ -0.31/17]
9...Rc8 0.06/18
[9...Qa5∓ -0.91/18 10.Kb1 0-0-0]
10.Be2 -1.03/18
[10.f4= 0.06/18]
10...Qa5



11.Kb1 d4 12.b3 -1.03/18
[12.c4∓ -0.58/18 should be considered. Qb6 13.Re1]
12...Qc5 0.31/20

[12...dxc3!∓ -1.03/18 13.Bxc3 Qc5]
13.Nf3 -0.43/18
[13.Nh3± 0.31/20]
13...dxc3∓ 14.Bc1 Qa5 15.Rhe1!



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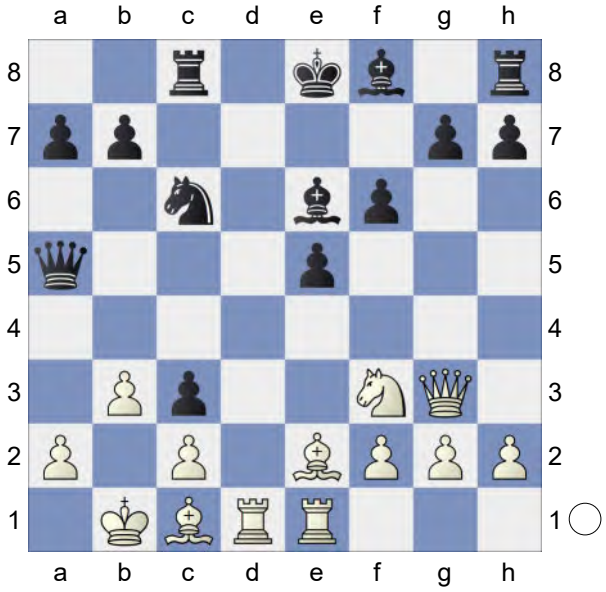
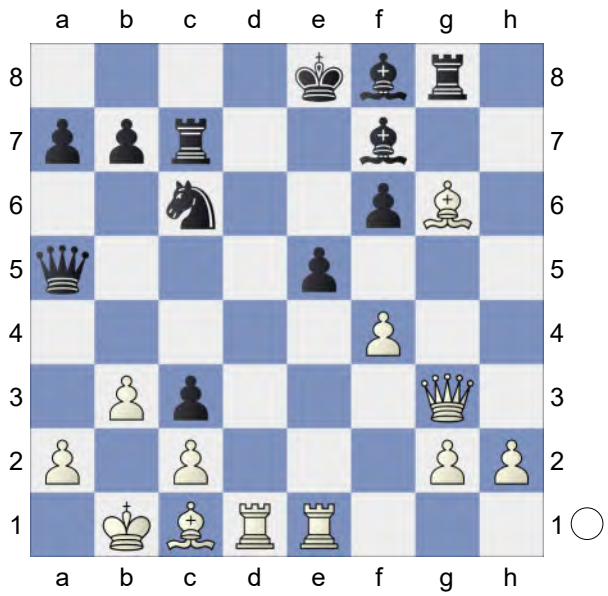
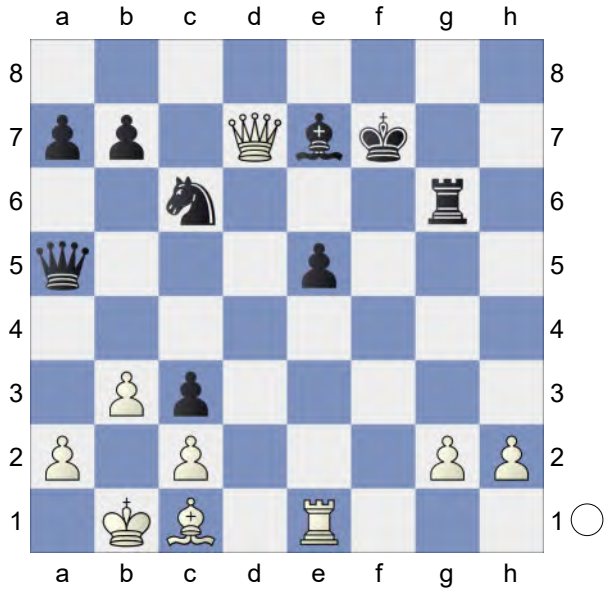


Against Ng5 **16.Nh4** -2.19/21
Dodges Bf5
[16.Bd3∓ -0.72/19]
16...Rc7 -1.03/21
[16...g6-+ -2.19/21 17.Bg4 Nb4]
17.Bh5+∓ g6 18.Nxg6 hxg6→
Black wants a kill. **19.Bxg6+ Bf7 20.f4 Rg8**



21.Bxf7+ Kxf7 22.Qh3 and Qh5+ would now be decisive **22...Rg6**
23.Rd7+ -1.62/21
[White should try 23.Re4∓ -0.70/19]
23...Rxd7-+ 24.Qxd7+ Be7 25.fxe5 fxe5 -1.13/18
[Black should play 25...Nxe5 -1.56/19 26.Qxb7 Qb6 27.Qd5+ Qe6]



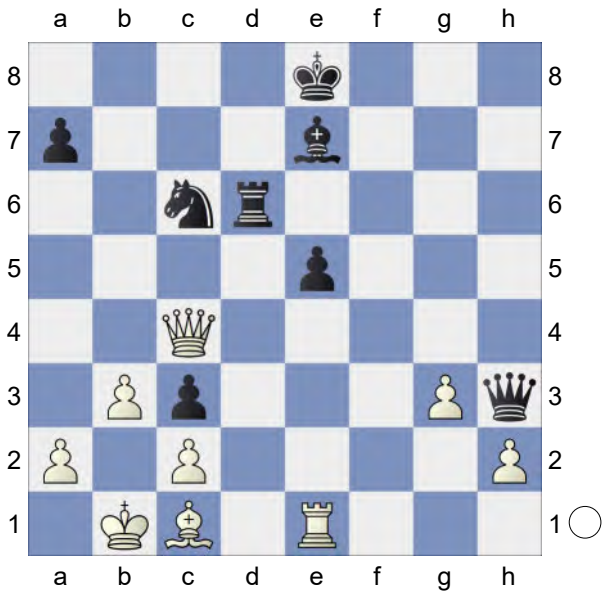
26.Qxb7 -2.06/16
[26.Rf1+∓ -1.13/18 was worth a try. Kg7 27.Qxb7]
26...Qd5 27.g3 Rd6 28.Qc8 -1.93/19

[28.h4∓ -1.35/16]

28...Qe6 29.Qa6 Qh3 -1.03/17

[29...Kg8-+ -1.98/18 ...Nd4 is the strong threat. 30.Qe2 Kg7]

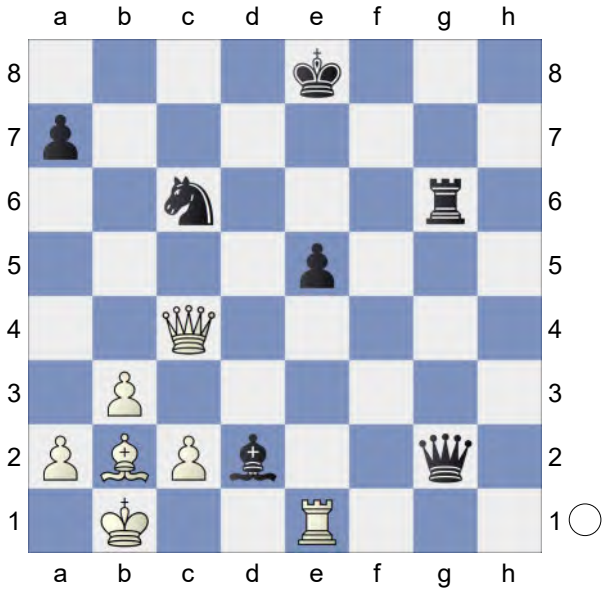
30.Qc4+∓ Ke8



31.Qxc3 Qxh2 32.g4 -1.58/20

[⩲32.b4 -1.02/19]

32...Qg2 33.Qc4 Rg6 34.g5 Bxg5 35.Bb2 Bd2



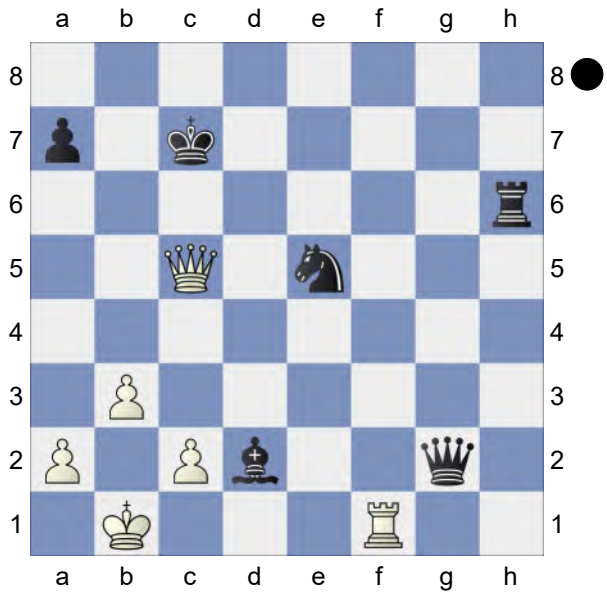
36.Rf1 Rh6

[36...Bf4 37.Ba3∓]

37.Qf7+ Kd8 38.Qf8+ -3.82/20

[38.a3 -2.50/19 was the only defense. Rh1 39.Qf6+ Kd7 40.Qf5+ Kd8 *(40...Ke7? 41.Qf7+ Kd6 42.Qf6+ Kc5 43.Rxh1-+)* 41.Rxh1 Qxh1+ 42.Ka2]

38...Kc7-+ 39.Bxe5+ Nxe5 40.Qc5+



Kd7!

[Less strong is 40...Kb7 41.Rg1 Qc6 *(41...Rh1 42.Qb5+ Kc7 43.Qxe5+ Kd7 44.Qf5+ Kc7 45.Qf7+ Kd6 46.Qf8+ Ke6 47.Qe8+ Kf6 48.Qf8+ Ke5 49.Qc5+ Kf6 50.Qd6+ Kf5 51.Qc5+ Ke6 52.Qc4+ Kd7 53.Qf7+ Kc6 54.Qe8+ Kd6 55.Qd8+ Ke5 56.Qc7+ Kf6 57.Qd6+ Kf5 58.Qc5+ Ke6 59.Qc8+ Ke7 60.Qc7+ Kf6 61.Qd8+ Ke5 62.Qc7+ Ke6 63.Qc4+ Kd6 64.Qd4+ Ke6 65.Qc4+=)* 42.Qxe5∓]

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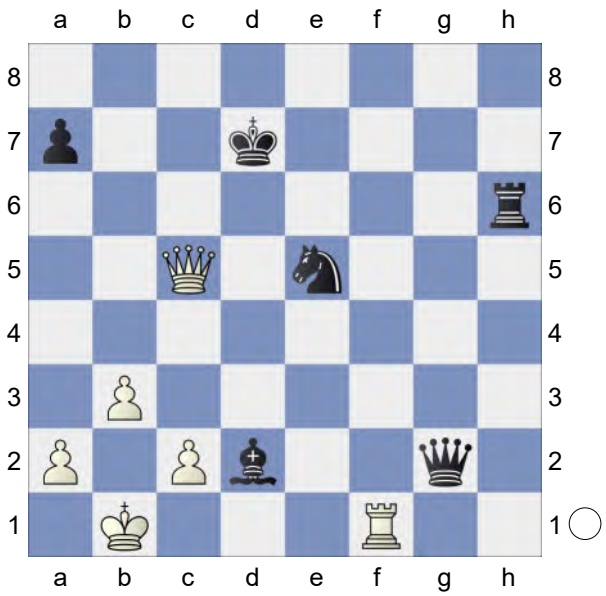
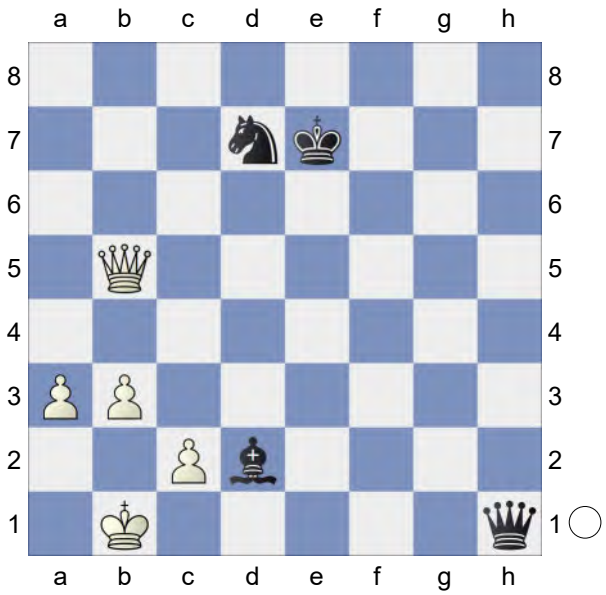


41.Qxa7+ Ke6 42.Qa6+ Ke7 43.Qb5 Nd7 44.a3 Rh1 45.Rxh1 Qxh1+



46.Ka2 Bc3 47.Qg5+ Bf6 48.Qe3+ Kd8 49.c3 Qd5 50.Qc1 Nc5

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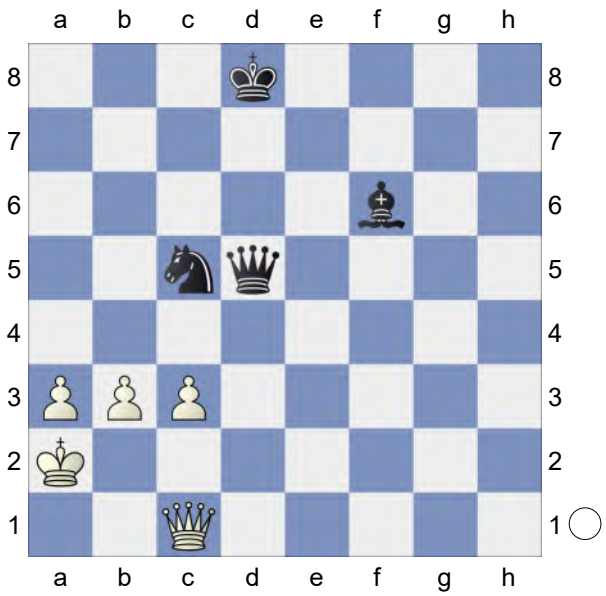

51.Qc2

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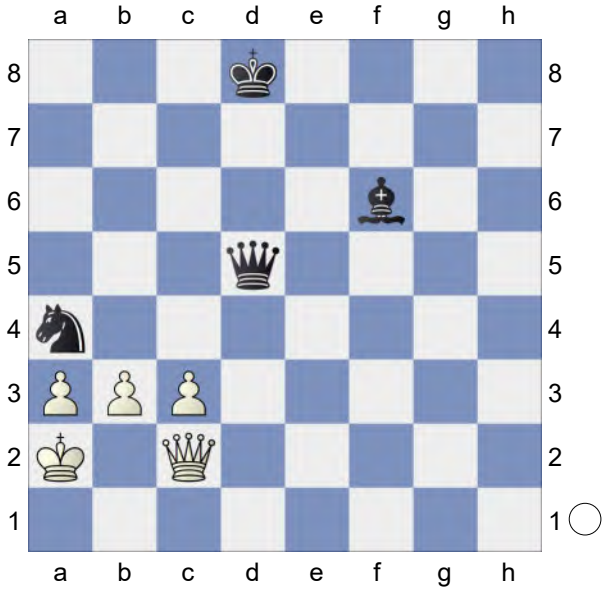
51...Na4



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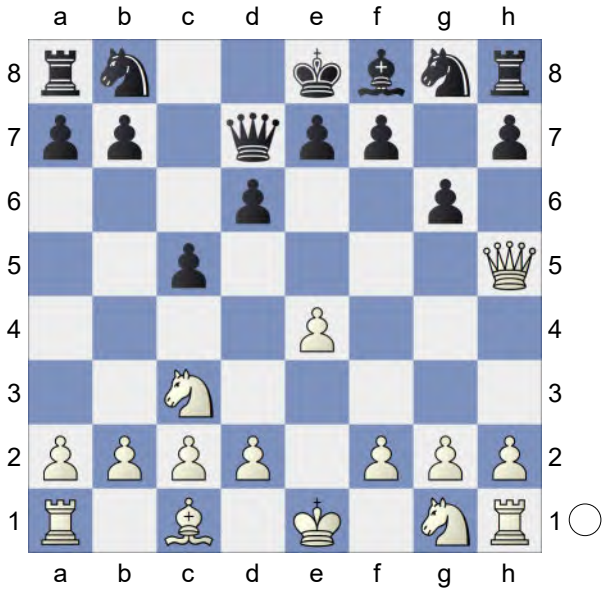
74 **B20**
□ **Marcotulli,Giancarlo** **2157**
■ **Maciulewicz,Christopher** **2300**
Sicilian - Mack Attack 15.12.2000
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves 'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6
A) 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 *(5.Nf3 d5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.b3 Rc8 10.c3 Bd6 11.Re1 Nh5 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nf6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 0-0 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nbd2 e5 19.Nf1 Ne7* 1-0 (45) Marcotulli,G (2157)-Sveinsson,J (2000) Sicilian - Mack Attack 2000*)* 5...e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1);
B) 3.Qh4 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nc3N
[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]
3...g6 4.Bb5+ Bd7 5.Bxd7+ Qxd7



6.Qe2 Bg7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.d3
Black is slightly better. **8...Nd4** -0.32/24
[8...e6∓ -0.77/20]
9.Qd1 b5 10.0-0 b4

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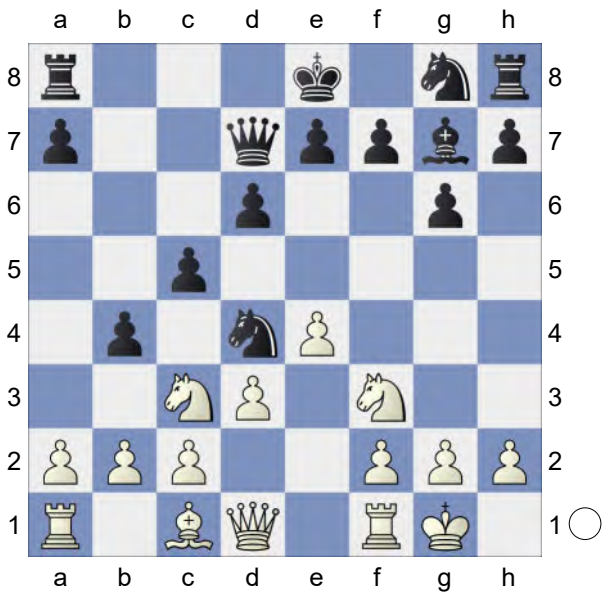
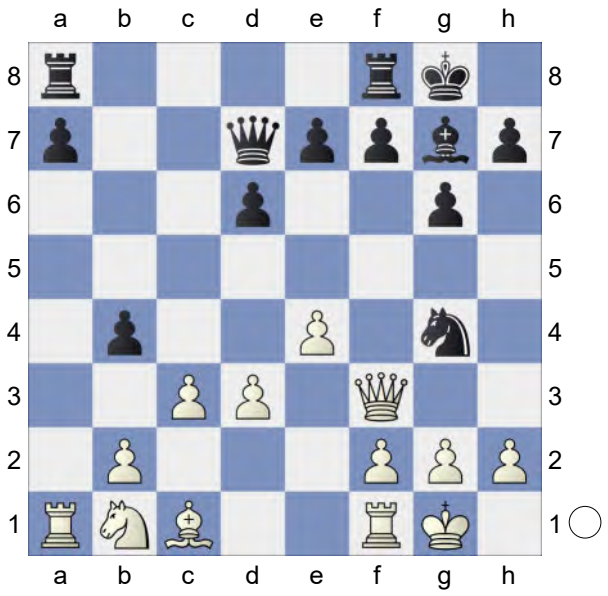
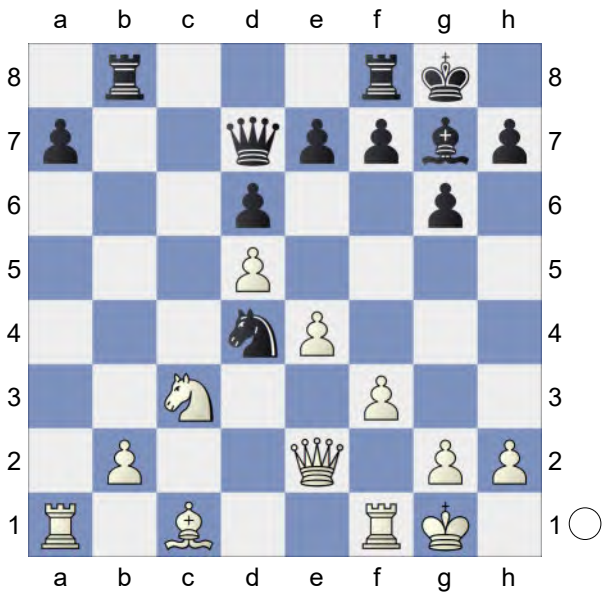


11.Nb1 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Nh6 -0.08/24
[12...e6∓ -0.44/21]
13.a3 Ng4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.c3 0-0

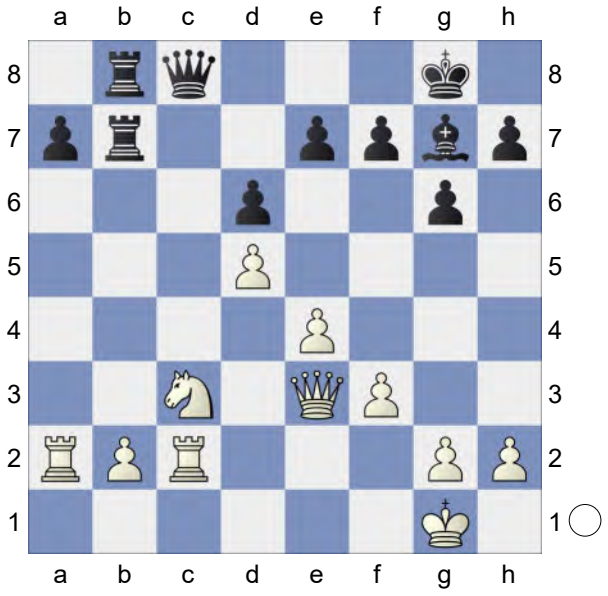


16.Qe2 bxc3 17.Nxc3 Rab8 18.f3 -0.73/22
[18.h3∓ -0.31/22 is superior. Ne5 19.Be3]
18...Ne5∓ 19.d4 -1.65/19
[White should play 19.Kh1∓ -0.58/21]
19...Nc6-+ 20.d5 -1.72/25
[20.Be3∓ -1.29/20]
20...Nd4

(Diagram)



21.Qd3 Nb3 22.Ra2 Nxc1 23.Rxc1 Rb7 24.Qe3 Rfb8 25.Rc2 Qc8



26.h3 Qc4

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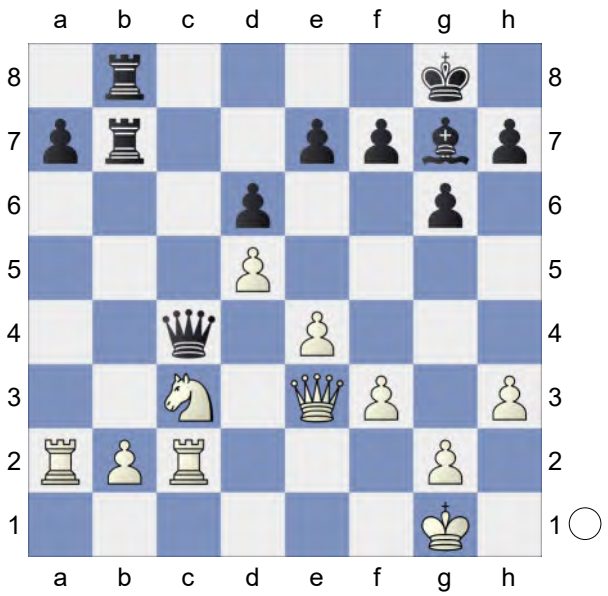
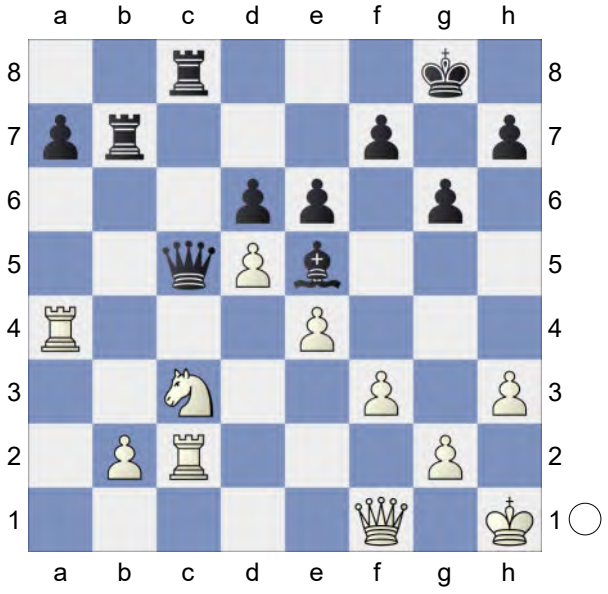
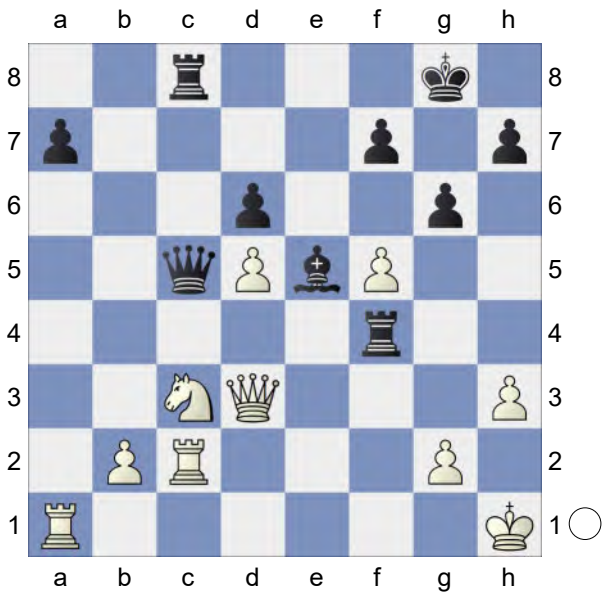


27.Qe2 Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Rc8 29.Ra4
White is weak on the dark squares
29...Be5 30.Qf1 e6? -0.19/20
[30...Rb3-+ -2.04/23 31.Ra6 Rc7]

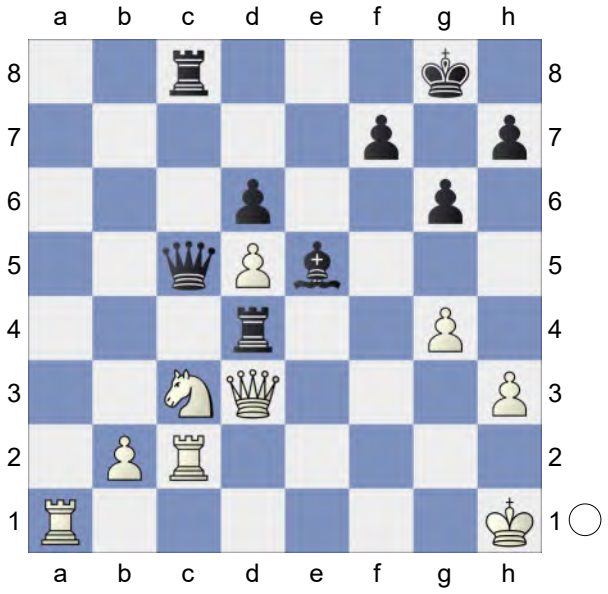


31.f4!= Bg7 32.f5 -1.52/23
[32.dxe6= -0.18/23 fxe6 33.Qa6]
32...exf5∓ 33.exf5 Be5 34.Qd3 -2.47/22
[34.Rf2 -1.63/20 might work better.]
34...Rb4 35.Ra1 Rf4

(Diagram)

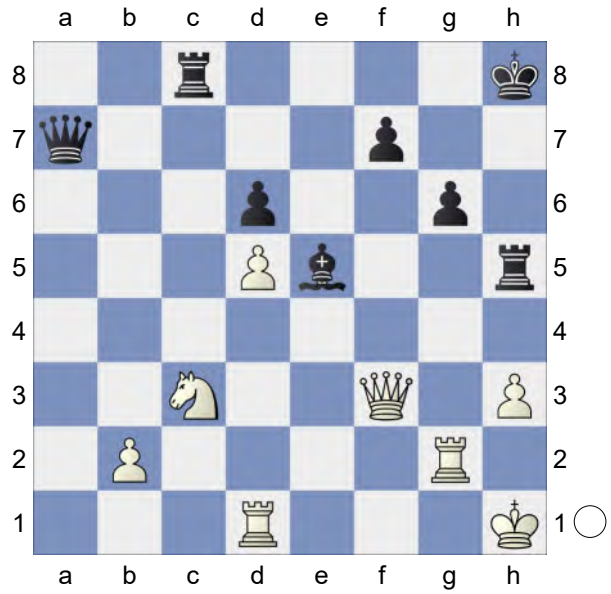


36.Rcc1 Qb4
[36...gxf5 37.Ne2 Rc4 38.Rxc4 Qxc4 39.Qxf5±]
37.Rc2 -3.29/20
[⌓37.fxg6 -2.17/20 hxg6 *(37...Qxb2 38.Ne2±)* 38.Ne2]
37...Rxf5-+
[37...gxf5 38.g3 Qc4 39.Qd1∓]
38.g4 Rf4 39.Rxa7 Qc5 40.Ra1 Rd4



41.Qe2 h5 42.gxh5 Rh4! 43.Qf3 Rxh5
[43...gxh5 44.Qf5 Rf4 45.Qg5+ Kf8 46.Re2=]

44.Rg2 Kh8 45.Rd1 Qa7



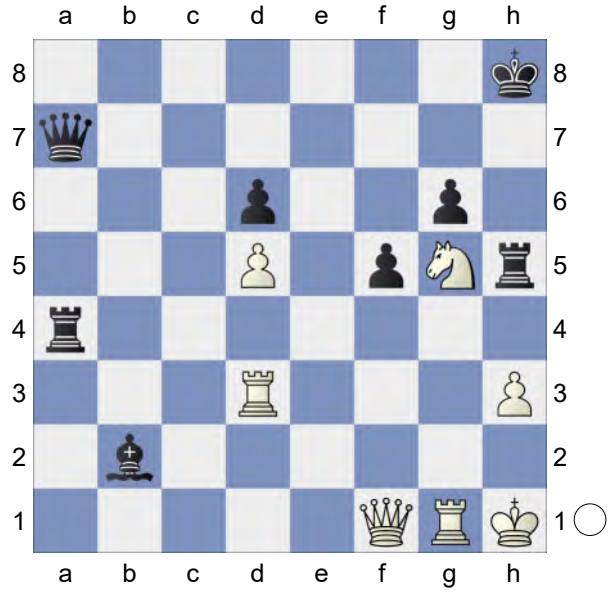
46.Ne4 f5 47.Ng5

[47.Rxg6? Qh7 *(47...fxe4 48.Qxh5+ Qh7 49.Rh6* Pin *Rc7 50.Rxh7+ Rxh7 51.Qe8+ Kg7 52.Rg1+)* 48.Nf2 Qxg6-+]

47...Rc4 48.Qf1 -2.72/21

[48.Re1∓ -1.57/19]

48...Rch4 (-> ...Rxh3+) **49.Rd3 Ra4** Wards off Ra3 **50.Rg1 Bxb2**



51.Ne6 and Qg2! would now be decisive

51...Ra1 52.Qg2

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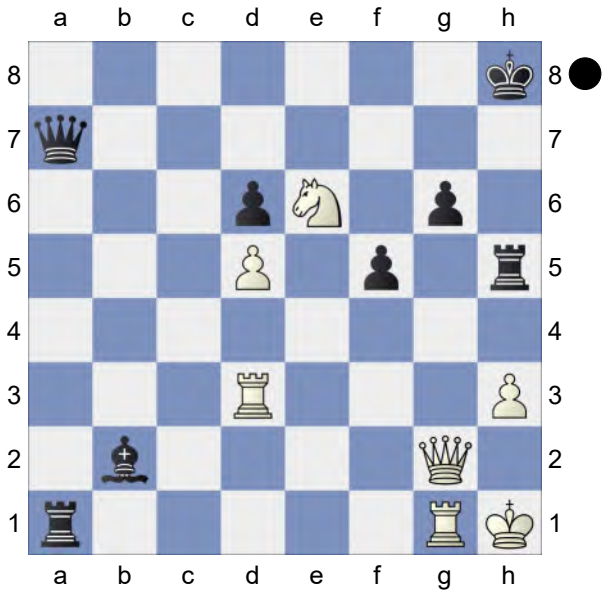
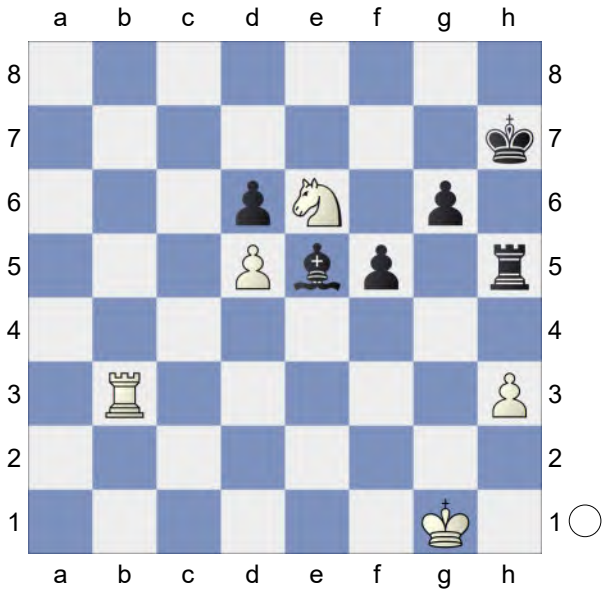


Rxg1+ -1.03/24

[52...Be5!-+ -1.84/28 And now ...Ra2 would win. 53.Qxg6 Rxg1+ 54.Qxg1 Qa2]

53.Qxg1∓ Qxg1+ 54.Kxg1-+ Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **54...Be5** Prevents Rg3. **55.Rb3 Kh7**



56.Rb4 -1.75/24

[56.Kg2∓ -1.29/24]

56...g5? -0.06/22

[56...Rxh3? 57.Ng5+ Kg7 58.Nxh3+-]

[Better is 56...Kh6!-+ -1.75/24 57.Kg2 g5]

57.Rb7+!= The position is equal.

57...Kh6 58.Nf8 Bg7

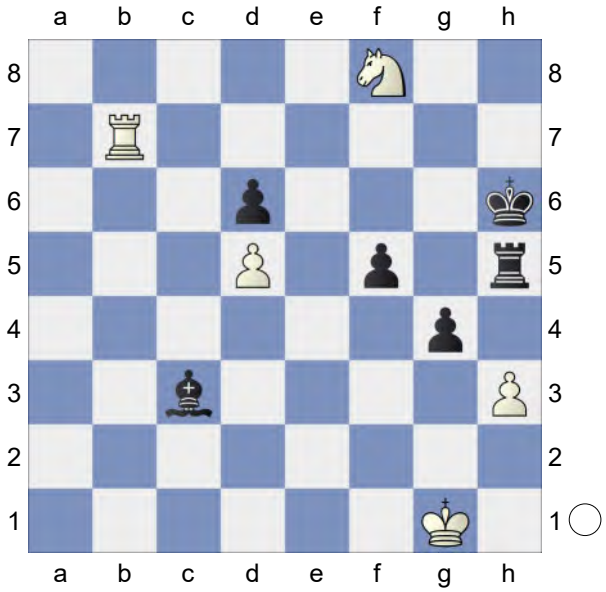
[58...Rxh3 59.Rh7#]

[58...g4!? 59.h4□ Bg7= *(59...Rxh4? 60.Rh7+ Kg5 61.Ne6+* Deflection *Kf6 62.Rxh4+-)*]

59.Ne6 Bc3 60.Nf8 g4

[Weaker is 60...Rxh3 61.Rh7#]

[60...Bg7!? 61.Ne6□ Be5=]



61.h4 And White is the lucky defender.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)

61...Bg7

[61...Rxh4? perishes. 62.Rh7+ Kg5 63.Ne6+ Deflection Kf6 64.Rxh4+-]

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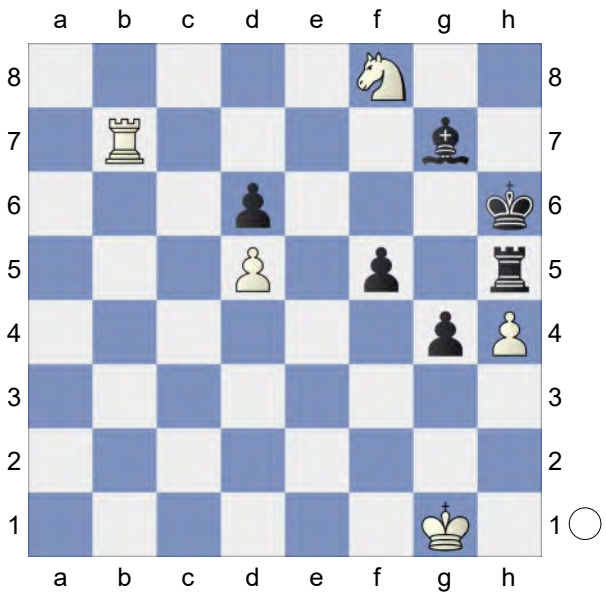

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75 **B20**

□ **Marcotulli,Giancarlo** **2157**

■ **Sveinsson,Jon Arni** **2000**

SEMI Mack Attack theme email 15.12.00

[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5

[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]

3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nf3N

[5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 b4 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X

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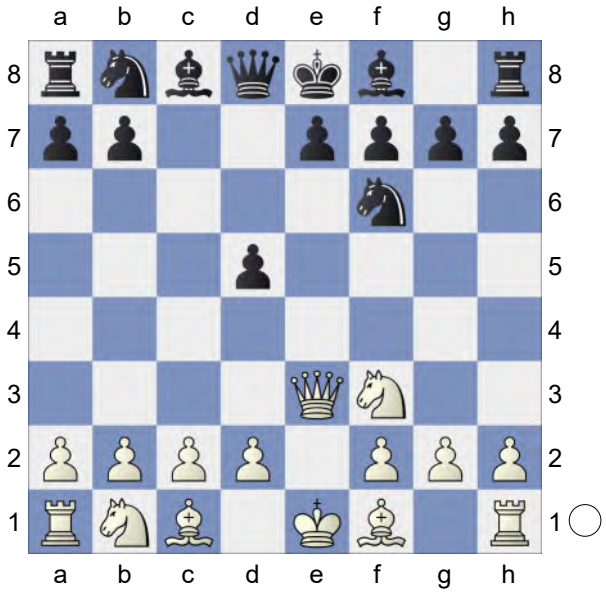
5...d5

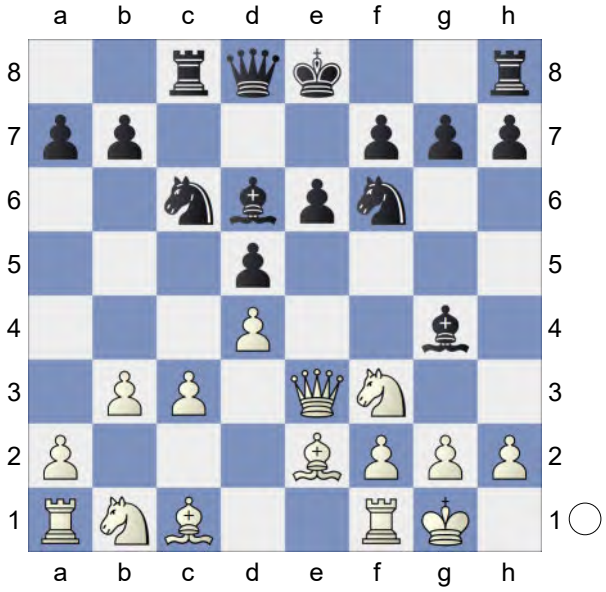


6.d4 Nc6 7.Be2 -0.50/20

[White should play 7.Bd3= 0.01/22]

7...Bg4 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...e6 9.b3 Rc8 10.c3 Bd6



11.Re1 Nh5 -0.34/20

[Better is 11...0-0∓ -0.78/18]

12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nf6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 0-0

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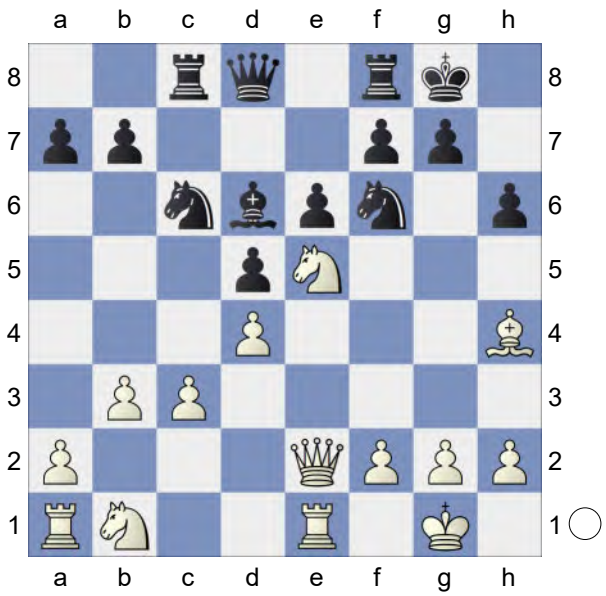


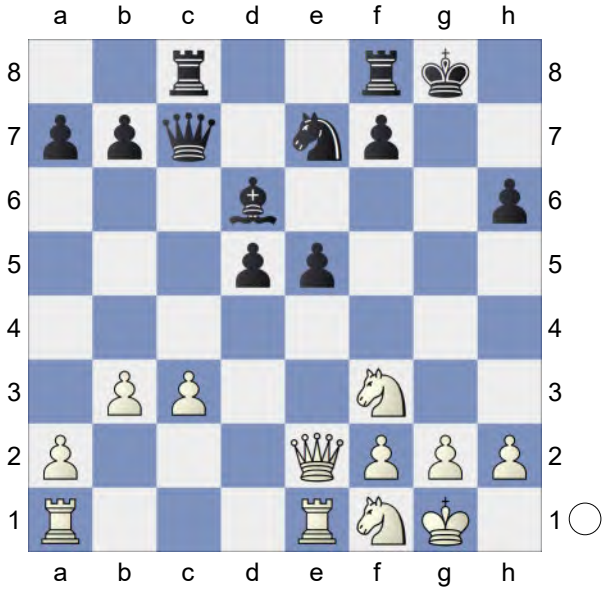
16.Bxf6 gxf6

[16...Qxf6?! 17.Nd7 Qd8 18.Nxf8 Bxf8 19.Nd2±]

17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Nbd2 e5? 2.08/19

[18...Qa5= 0.00/19 and Black stays safe.]

19.Nf1+- Ne7 20.dxe5 fxe5



21.Nxe5 Qxc3 22.Qg4+ Kh7

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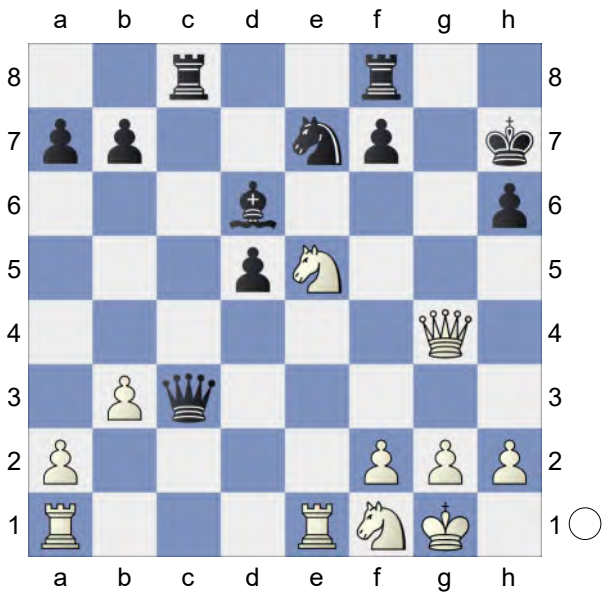
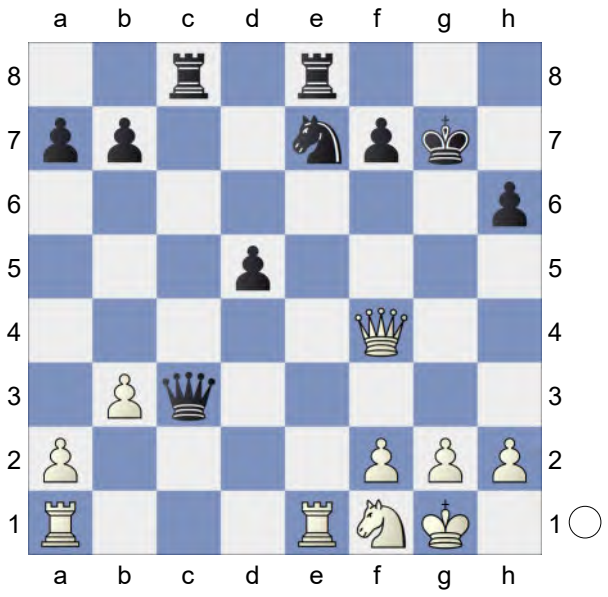


23.Qh5 White is more active. **23...Bxe5**
24.Qxe5 Rfe8 1.77/18
[24...Qxe5± 1.38/23 25.Rxe5 Rfe8]
25.Qf4 Kg7



26.Ng3 Ng8 27.Rec1 Qb2 28.Rd1

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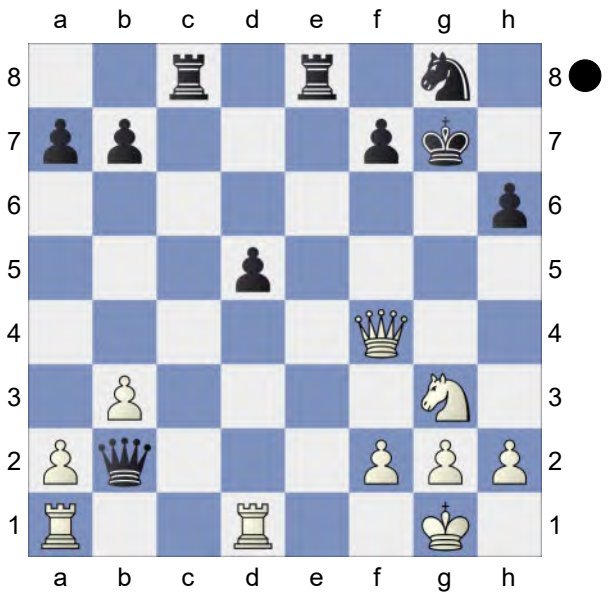
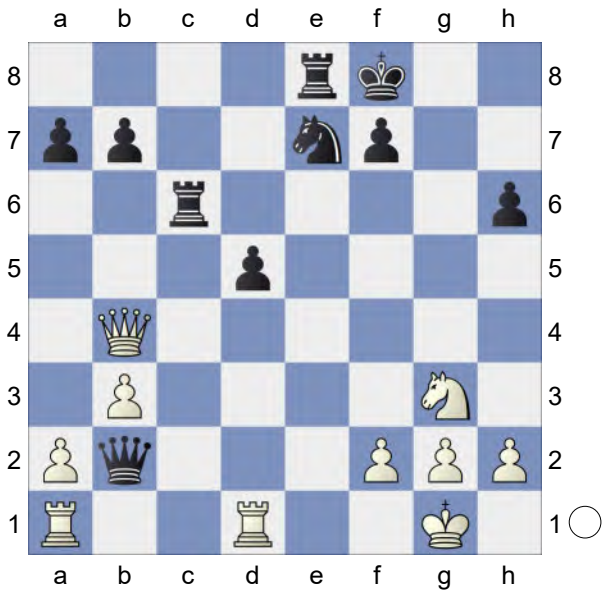


Rc6 1.78/19
[28...Qe5± 1.39/19 is a better defense.]
29.Qg4+ Kf8 30.Qb4+ Ne7



31.Qxb7 a6 32.Qb4 Rc2 2.48/20
[⌓32...Rf6 1.83/21]
33.Qf4 Qg7 34.Re1 Qg5 35.Qd4 aiming for h4. **35...Rec8** 2.54/18
[⌓35...Qg7 1.75/18 36.Qf4 Qg5]

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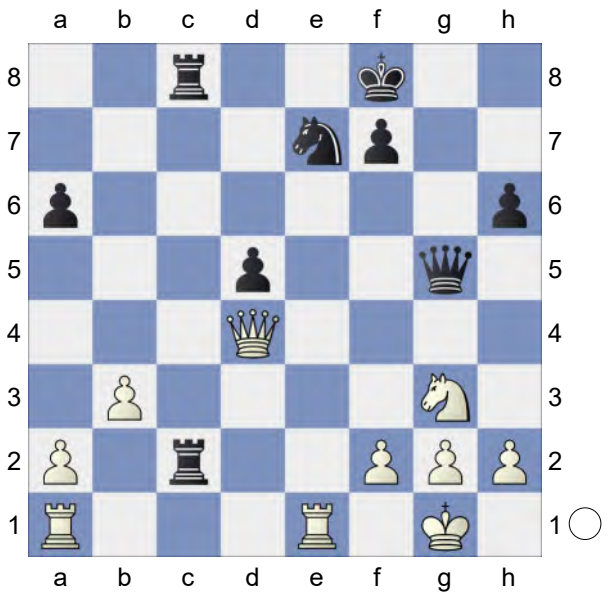
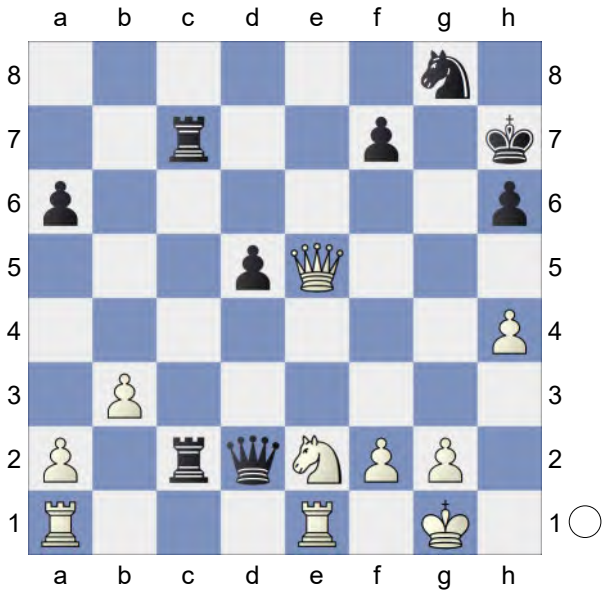
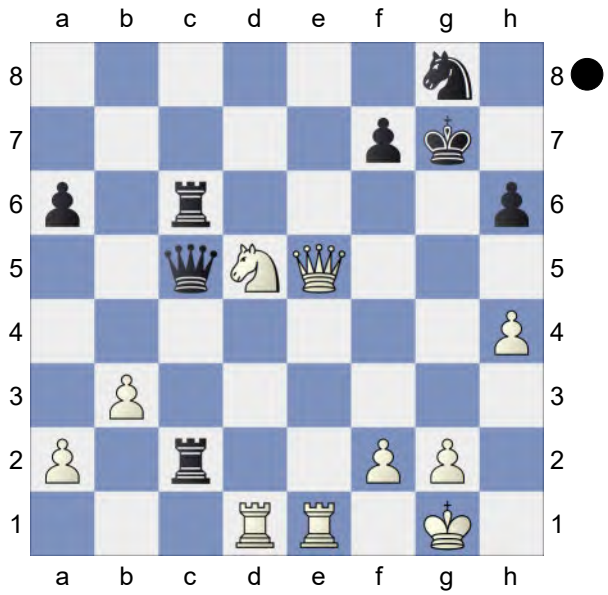


36.h4 Qd2 37.Qf6 Ng8 38.Qd6+
[38.Qxa6? Qxf2+ 39.Kh2 Qxg2#]
38...Kg7 39.Qe5+
[39.Qxa6? gets mated. Qxf2+ 40.Kh2 Qxg2#]
39...Kh7 40.Ne2 R8c7 4.59/18
[⌓40...Qb4 3.25/18 41.Qxd5 Kh8 42.Qe5+ *(42.Qxf7 Qxh4 43.Qe6 Rf8+-)* 42...f6]



41.Rad1 White is clearly winning.
41...Qb4 42.Nf4
[Less strong is 42.Qxd5 Qxh4 43.Qd3+ Kh8 44.Qxa6 Qf6±]
42...R7c6 43.Qf5+ Kg7 44.Nxd5 Qc5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.32
45.Qe5+



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76 **B20**
□ **Xu,Xiangyu** **2152**
■ **Lei,Tingjie** **2421**
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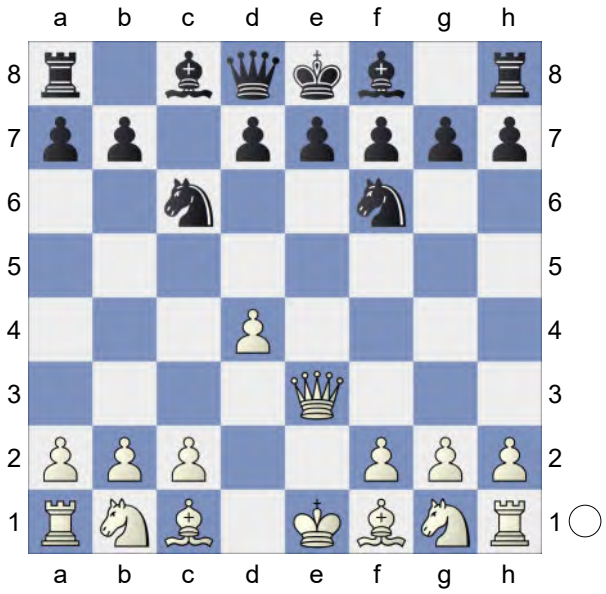
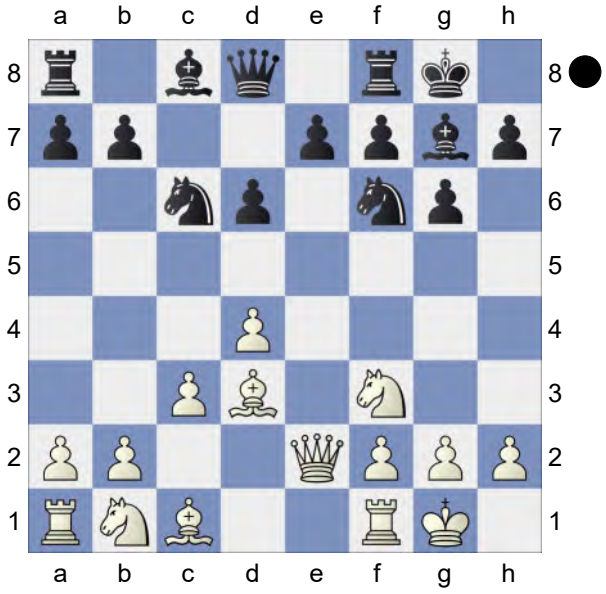
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 Nc6N
[5...e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0

0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5 18.Qf2 b5 19.h5 b4 20.h6 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1)]



6.c3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bd3 The position is equal. **8...d6 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0**



e5!

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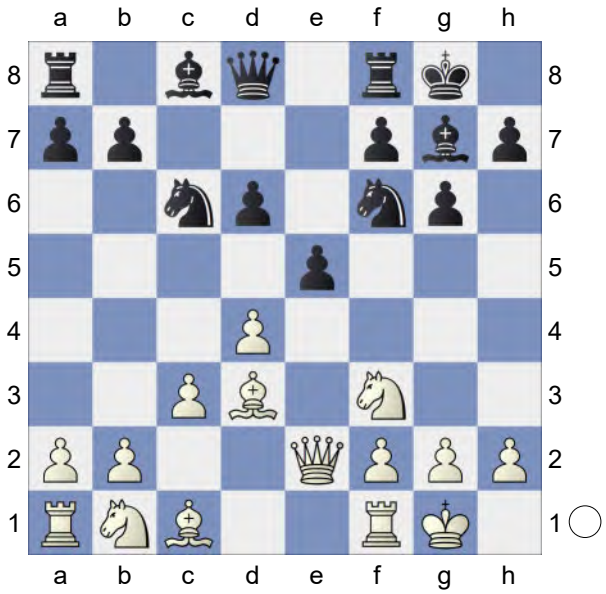


11.Bg5

[11.dxe5 Nxe5]

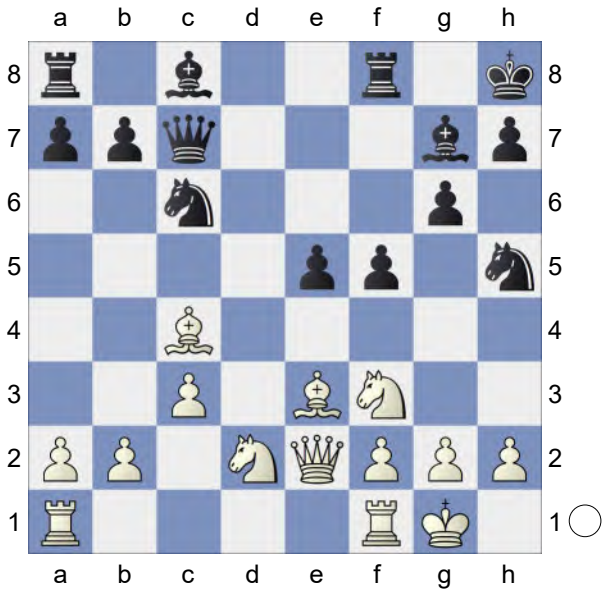
11...Qc7 -0.32/17

[11...h6∓ -0.75/19 12.Bxf6 Qxf6]

12.Nbd2 Nh5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bc4 Kh8

[14...h6!? 15.Be3 Rd8=]

15.Be3 f5



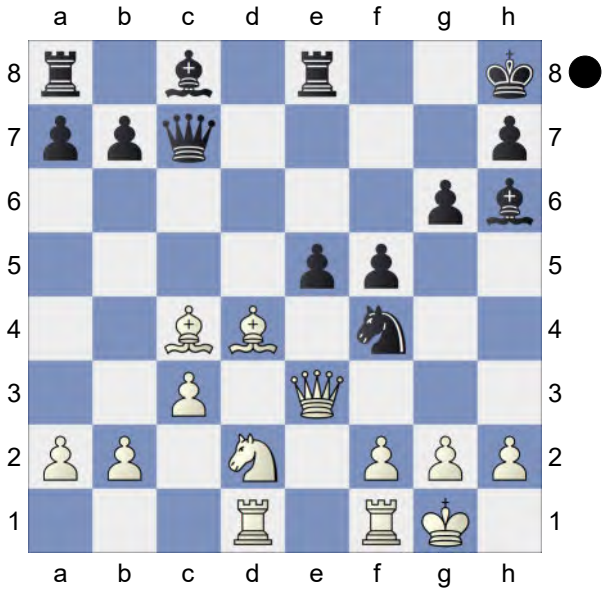
16.Bc5 -1.02/20

[16.Rad1∓ -0.64/19]

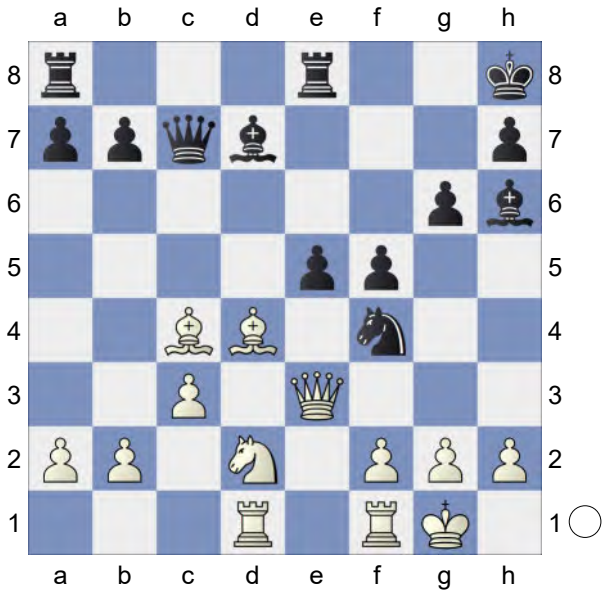
16...Re8∓ 17.Rad1 Nf4 18.Qe3 Bh6 Dodges Ng5 **19.Nd4** -2.45/21

[19.Qe1∓ -1.45/17]

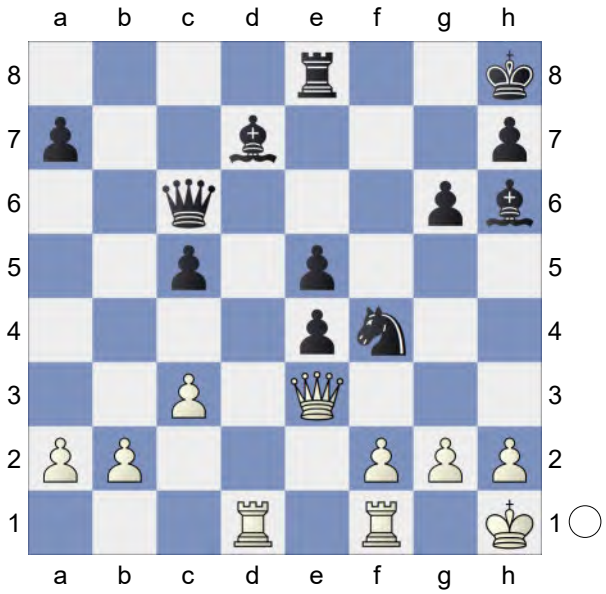
19...Nxd4 -1.23/18
[Weaker is 19...exd4 20.Qxe8+ Kg7 21.Qf8#]
[19...Na5-+ -2.45/21 ...Nxc4! would now be deadly. 20.N4b3 *(20.Nb5? Qc6-+)* 20...Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Qc6]
White does not recover from this.
20.Bxd4? -3.58/18
[20.cxd4∓ -1.23/18 b6 21.Ba3]



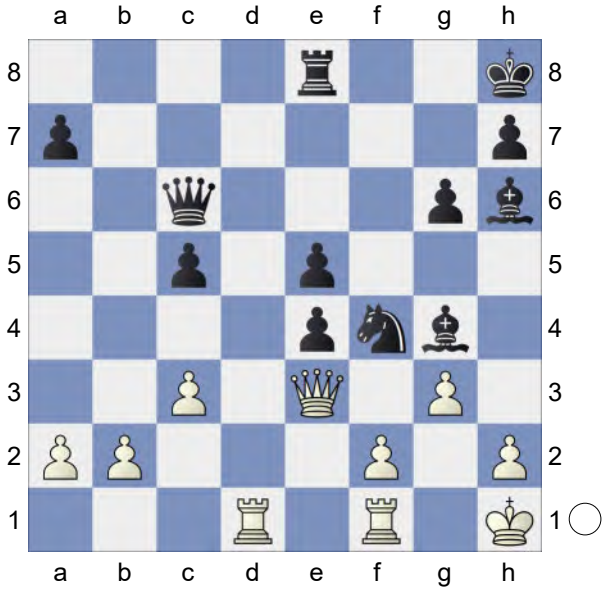
20...Bd7!-+



21.Bc5 Qc6 22.Ne4 fxe4 Black is clearly winning. **23.Kh1 b6 24.Bf7 bxc5 25.Bxe8 Rxe8**



26.g3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
26...Bg4



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77 **B20**
□ **Kaplan,Avi Harrison** **2117**
■ **Shapiro,Dan** **2284**
Titled Tue 18th Jul Late blitz (9) 18.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.d3N
[5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]
5...Nf6

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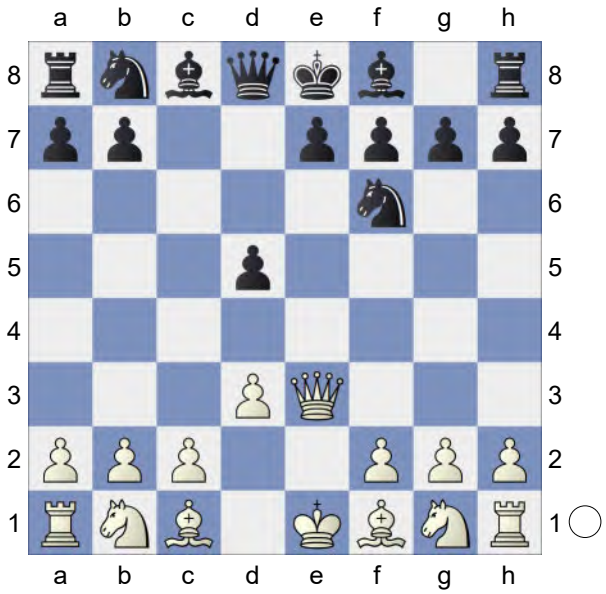
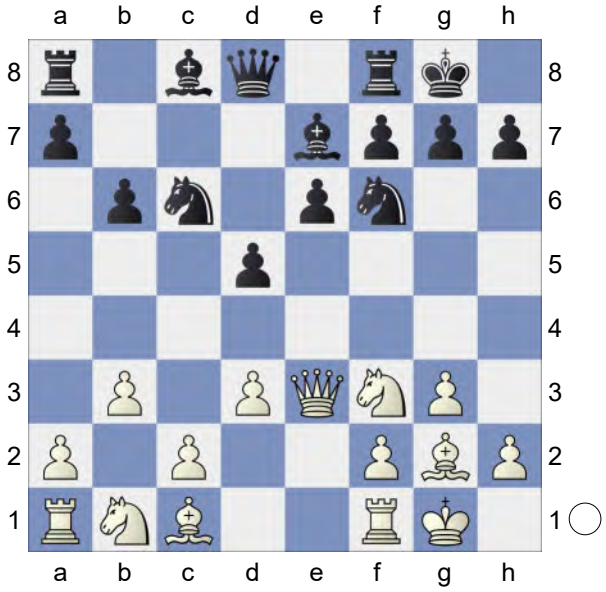


6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 -1.24/18
[7.Nf3!∓ -0.65/19]
7...e6 -0.71/20
[⌓7...e5 -1.24/18 ...Ng4 would now be deadly. 8.c3 Bd6]
8.Nf3∓ Black is better. **8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.b3 b6**



11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Rfe1 Bd6 14.Nd4 Bc5 -0.01/19
[14...Nxd4!∓ -0.61/19 15.Qxd4 e5]
15.Nxc6= Bxc6

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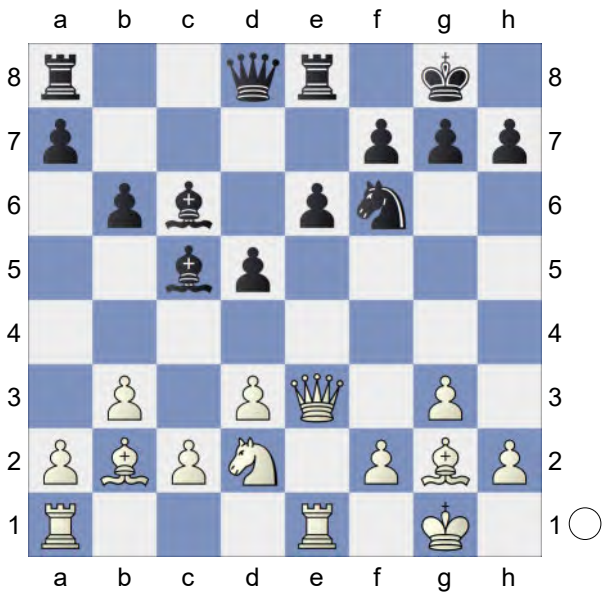
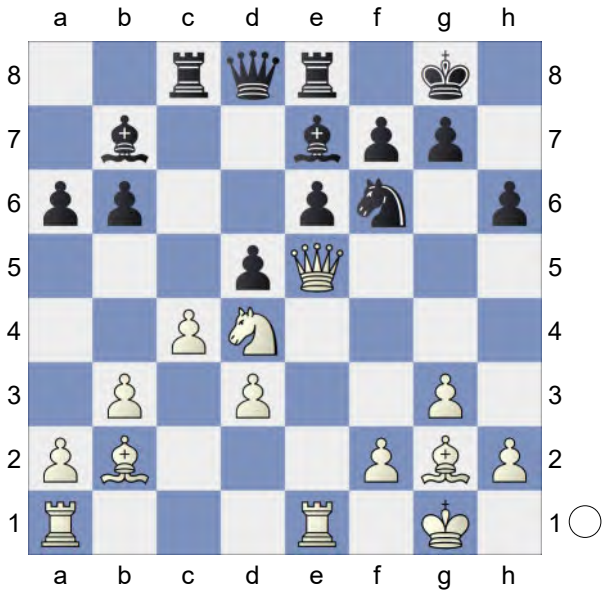
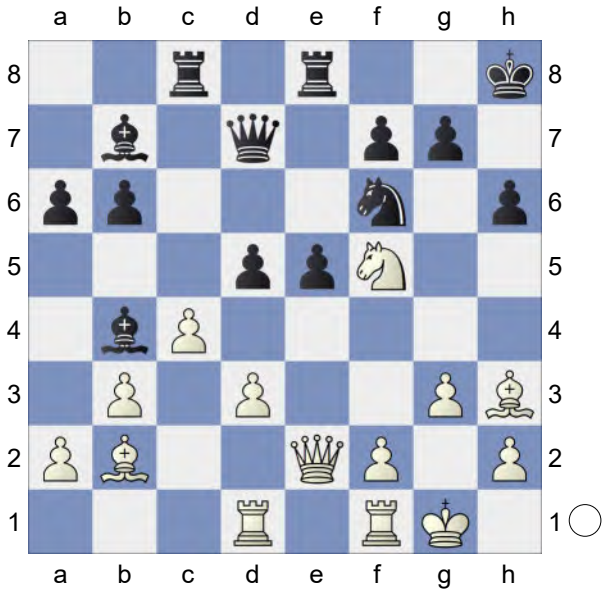


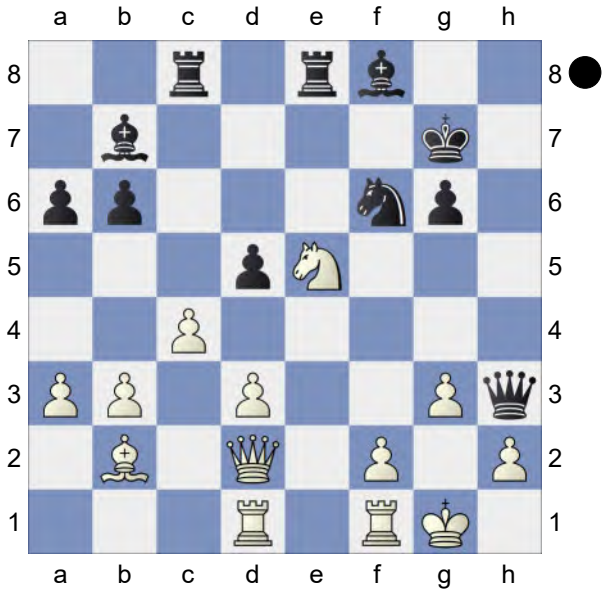
16.Qg5 -0.46/21
[16.d4= -0.05/19 was preferable. Bf8 17.c4]
16...Be7 0.03/19
[16...h6∓ -0.46/21 17.Qh4 Be7]
17.Nf3 h6 18.Qe5 Rc8 19.Nd4 -0.75/18
[19.Rac1= -0.14/18]
19...Bb7 -0.28/19
[19...Bd6∓ -0.75/18 20.Qe2 Ba8]
20.c4 a6



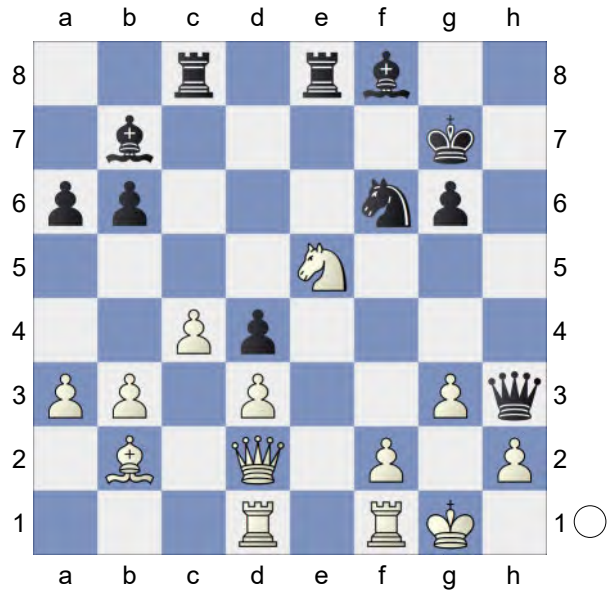
21.Rad1 Qc7 22.Qe2 Bb4 23.Rf1 e5 24.Nf5 Qd7 25.Bh3 And now Nxh6+! would win. **25...Kh8** 0.39/19
[25...Kh7∓ -0.74/20]



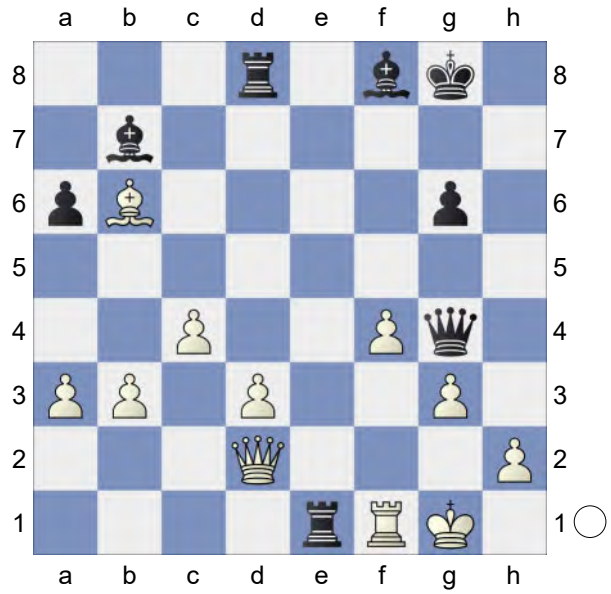
26.a3 -1.03/21
[26.Bxe5± 0.39/19 was forced to keep a grip. dxc4 27.bxc4 *(27.dxc4? Qc6-+)*]
26...Bf8!∓ 27.Qd2 -2.20/18
[27.Bxe5 dxc4 28.bxc4 *(28.dxc4? Qc6-+)* 28...Qc6-+]
[27.b4∓ -0.84/19]
27...g6-+ 28.Nxh6 Qxh3 29.Nxf7+ Kg7 30.Nxe5



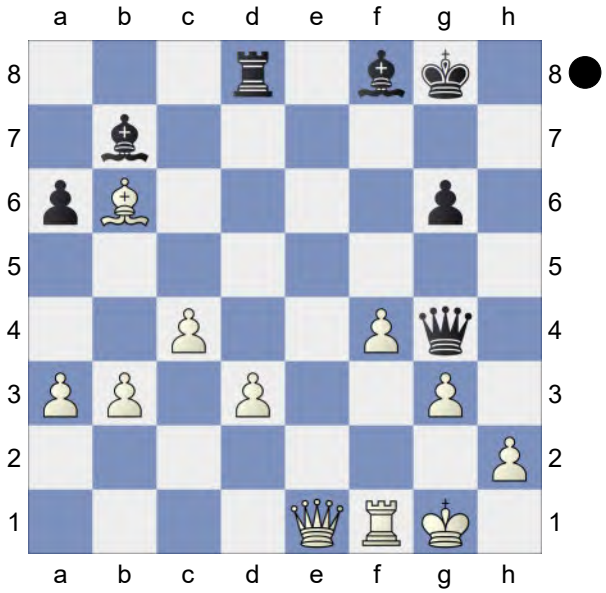
d4!



31.f4 Rcd8 32.Rde1 Ng4 33.Nxg4 Qxg4 34.Bxd4+ -3.37/21
[⌓34.f5 -2.05/16]
34...Kg8 -1.50/17
[34...Rxd4-+ -3.37/21 is more deadly. 35.Rxe8 Bc5]
35.Bxb6 -2.56/19
[35.Rxe8∓ -1.50/17 Rxe8 36.Re1]
35...Rxe1



36.Qxe1? -4.39/20
[36.Rxe1 -2.74/19 was forced. Qf3 37.Re3 *(37.Bxd8 Bc5+ 38.d4 Bxd4+)* 37...Qh1+ Deflection 38.Kf2 Qxh2+ 39.Ke1 Qh1+ 40.Ke2]



36...Qd7? 0.41/20 **37.Bxd8±** **Qxd8** 1.29/19
[37...Bc5+= 0.22/17 remains equal. 38.Rf2 Qxd8]
38.b4 0.18/19
[White should play 38.Qe6+± 1.29/19 Kh8 39.Rd1 *(39.Qxg6* gets mated. *Qd4+ 40.Rf2 Qa1+ 41.Rf1 Bc5+ 42.d4 Bxd4#)*]
38...Qd7? 1.77/18
[38...Bg7= 0.18/19]

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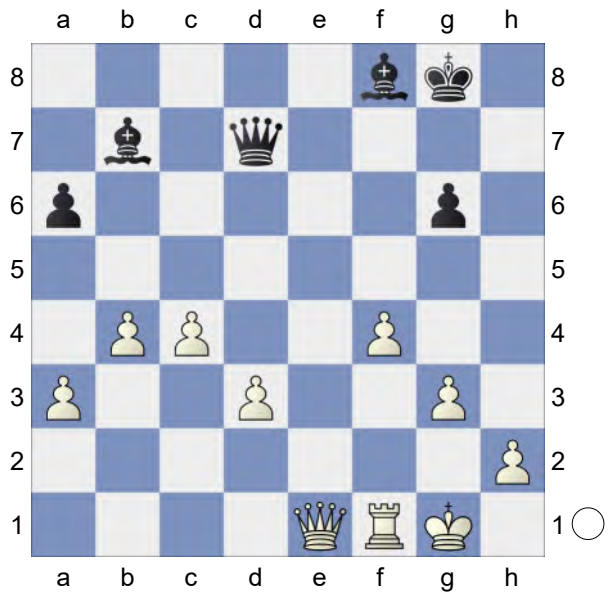
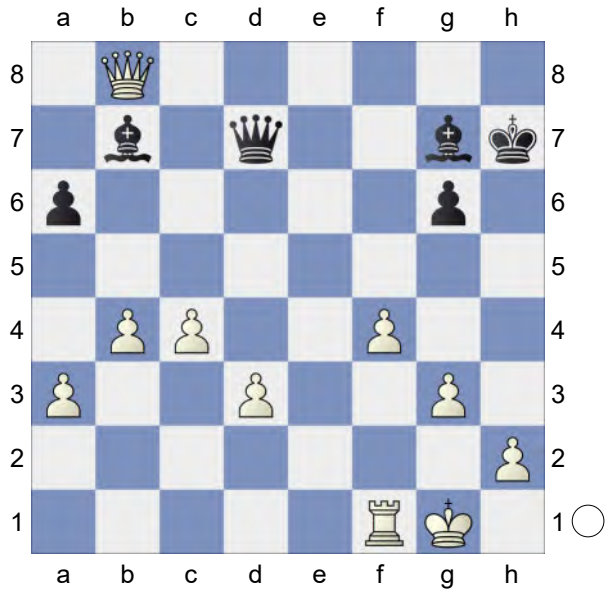
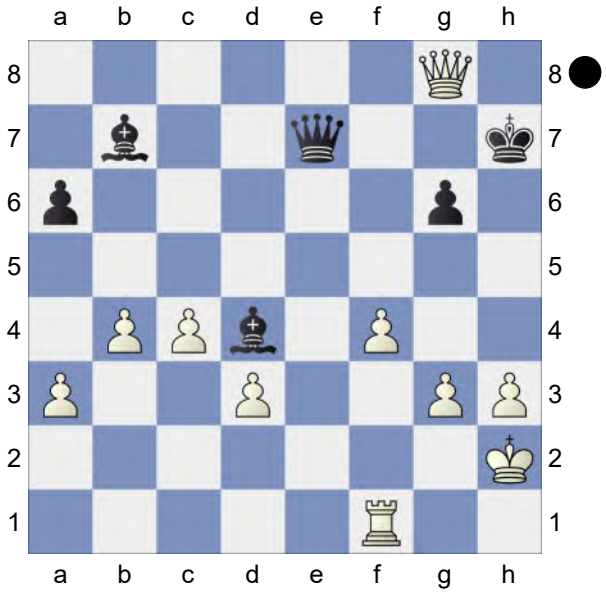


39.Qe5? 0.00/20
[39.f5!+- 1.77/18 gxf5 40.Qe2]
39...Bg7→ Black mounts an attack.
40.Qb8+ -6.26/20
[40.Qe2= 0.00/20]
40...Kh7-+



(-> ...Qd4+) **41.h3** **Bd4+** -7.32/20
This pair of bishops is nice.
[⌓41...Qd4+ -#5/16 42.Rf2 Qa1+ 43.Rf1 Bd4+ *(43...Qxa3? is the wrong capture. 44.Qxb7 Qxd3 45.f5+-)* 44.Kh2 Qb2+ 45.Rf2 Qxf2#]

42.Kh2 **Qe7** (-> ...Qe2+)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.59
43.Qg8+



Loss on time!?
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78	**B20**
□ **Disselhorst,James R**	**2113**
■ **Radomskyj,Peter**	**2212**
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[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6

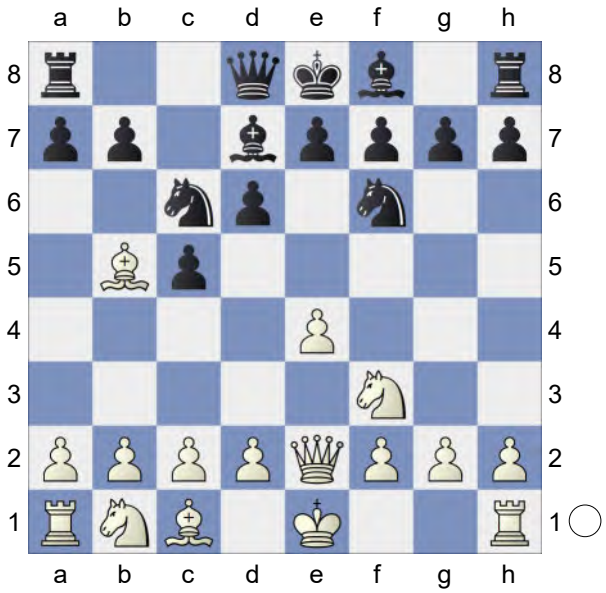
9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.Bb5+N

[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]

[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]

3...Bd7 4.Qe2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6



6.0-0 e6 0.09/18

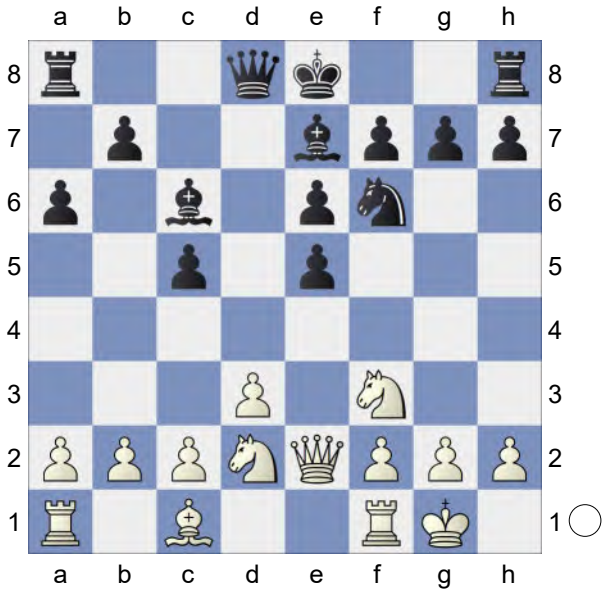
[6...g6∓ -0.38/21 is more appropriate.]

7.d3 -0.34/20

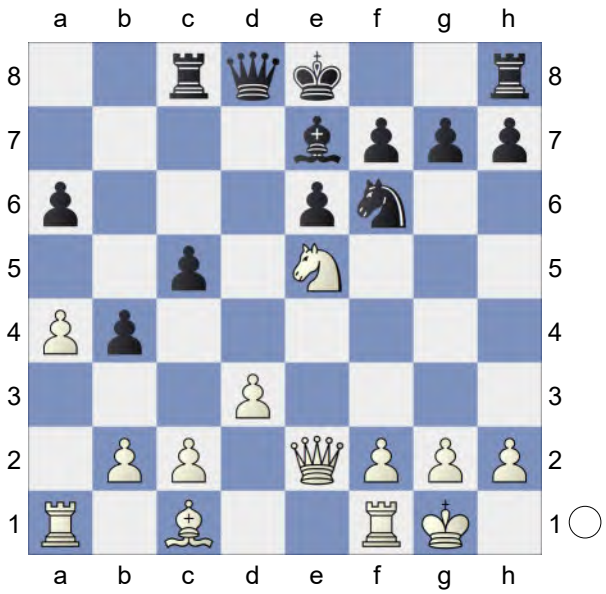
[7.c3= 0.09/18]

7...a6∓ 8.Bxc6 Black has an edge.

8...Bxc6 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.e5 dxe5



11.Nxe5 Rc8 12.Ndc4 b5 13.Nxc6 Rxc6 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.a4 b4



16.Re1 0-0 17.Nc4 Nd5 18.Qg4 Bf6 19.a5 Qc7 20.Bg5 Bxg5

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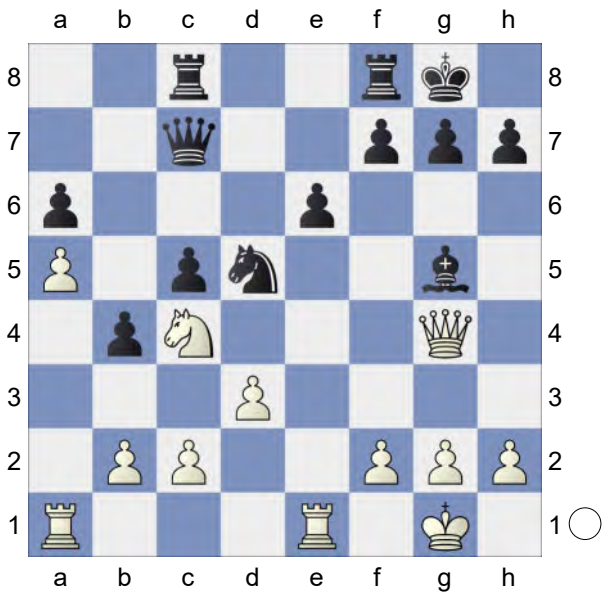

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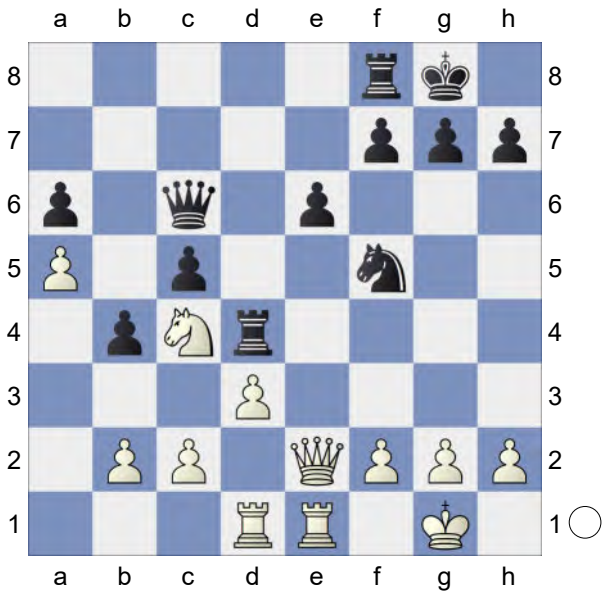

26.c3 Rdd8 27.Qg4 Rfe8 28.Qe4 Qb5 29.Qf4 Qb7 30.Nb6 The position is equal. **30...bxc3**

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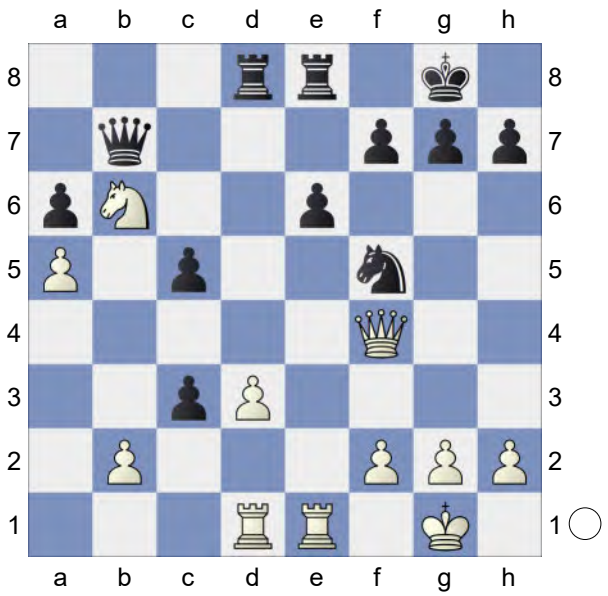
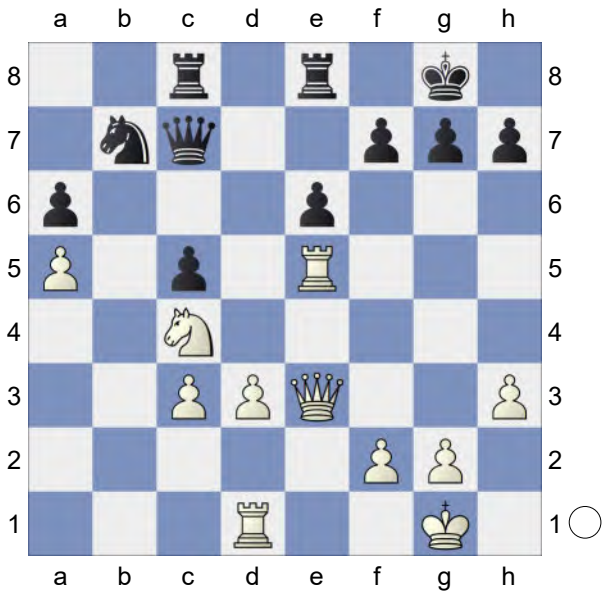


31.bxc3 Nd6 Dodges Qc4 **32.Re5 Qc6 33.Qe3 Nb7 34.Nc4 Qc7 35.h3 Rc8**



36.Rb1 Nxa5 37.Nb6 Nc6 38.Rxc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) **38...Rb8**

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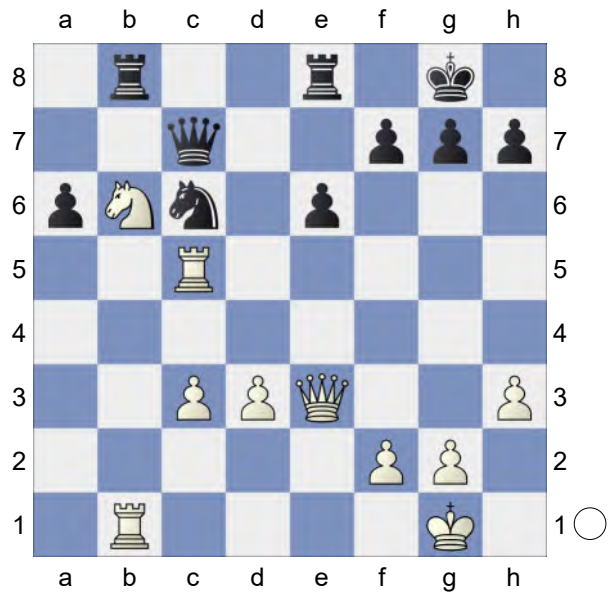

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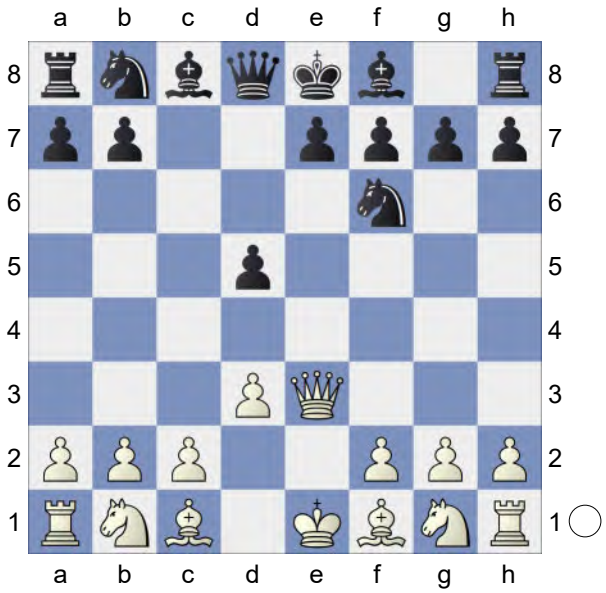
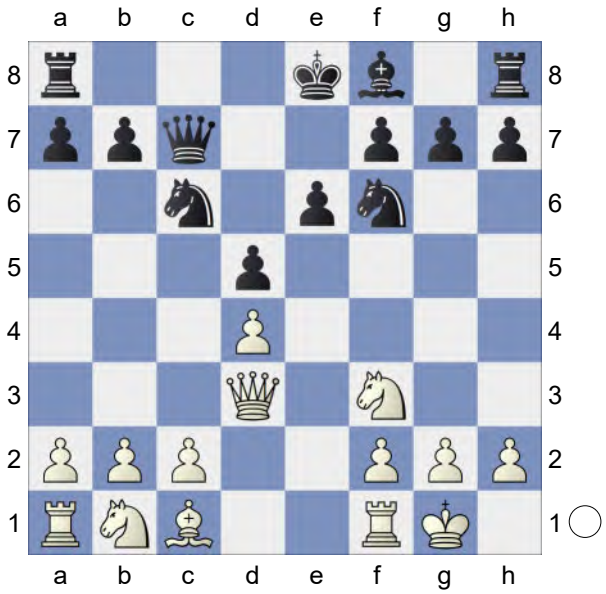
79 **B20**
□ **Salman,Ilhan Serhat** **2092**
■ **Zavortink,Matt B** **2135**
Titled Tue 26th Mar Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5
[3.Qh4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.a4 Be7 7.d3 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.Qg3 Nh5 10.Qh3 e5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qxh5 g6 13.Qxh6 Rxh6 14.Bxh6 f6 15.Be3 Kf7 16.Na3 Bg4 17.Nd2 g5 0-1 (44) Rapport,R (2735)-Shankland,S (2731) Saint Louis Champions Showdown blitz 2019 (23.5)]
3...Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.d3N
[5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nc1 Nc4 19.Qe2 a5 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)]
[5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bg6 9.a3 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Re1 0-0 Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 1]
5...Nf6

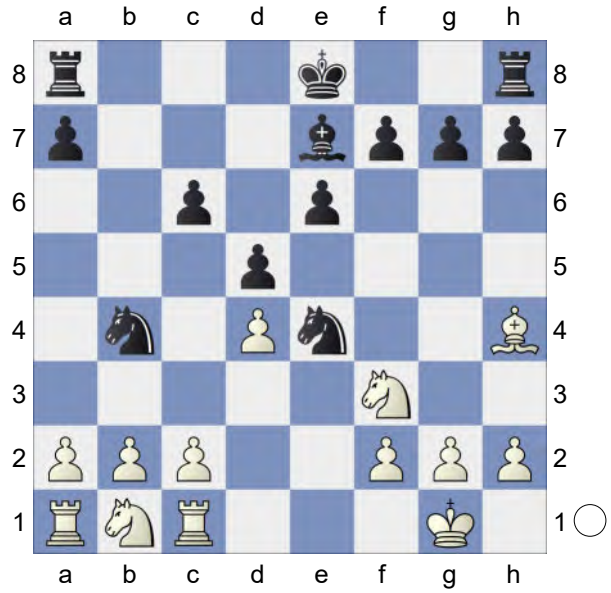


6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d4 Bf5 8.Bd3 Black is slightly better. **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.0-0 Qc7**

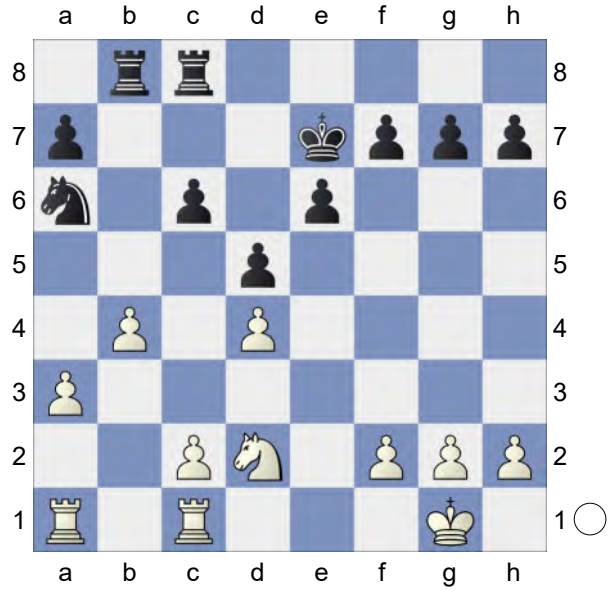


11.Bg5 Ne4 12.Bh4 Nb4 13.Qb5+ Qc6 14.Qxc6+ bxc6 15.Rc1 Be7

-0.05/24
[15...f6∓ -0.42/19 feels stronger.]

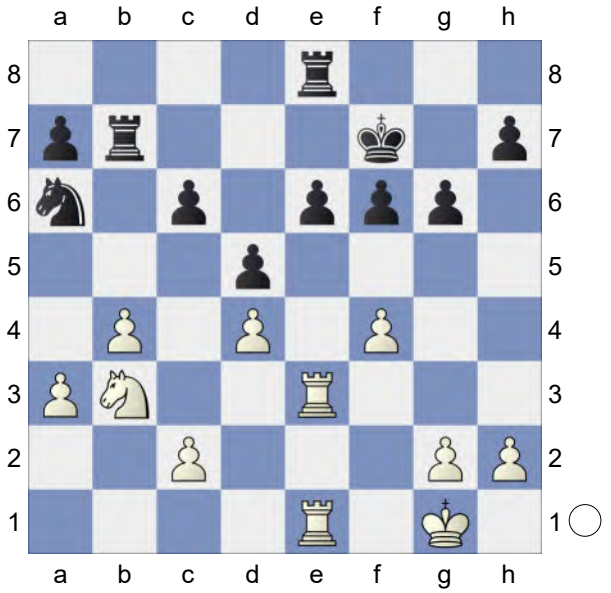


16.Bxe7= Kxe7 17.a3 Na6 18.Nbd2 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Rab8 20.b4 Rhc8



21.Nb3 f6 0.42/23
[21...Nc7= 0.04/19]
22.Re1 Kf7 23.Re3 Re8 1.03/20
[23...Nc7± 0.48/19]
24.Rae1 0.20/18
[White should try 24.Na5± 1.03/20]
24...Rb7 0.94/21
[24...Nc7= 0.20/18 remains equal.]

25.f4± g6 1.31/19
[25...Nc7 0.74/21]



26.Kf2 0.95/21
[⌓26.g4 1.31/19]
26...Rbe7 1.45/22
[26...Nc7 0.95/21]
27.Rc3 Rc7 1.66/19
[27...Nb8± 1.20/18 might work better. 28.g4 e5]
28.Na5 Nb8 29.Ree3 0.64/19
White is more active.
[29.g4± 1.37/17]
29...e5 1.65/23 **30.fxe5 fxe5**

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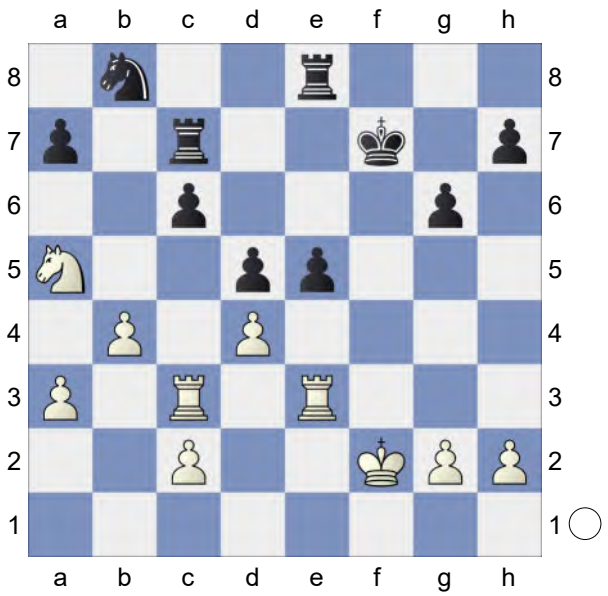
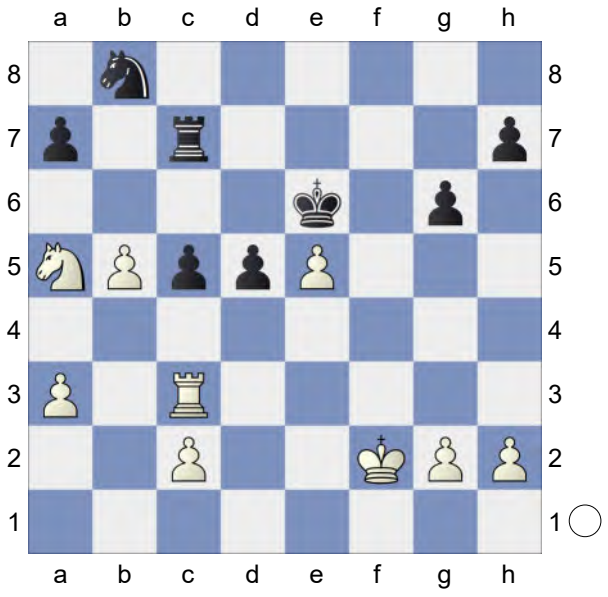
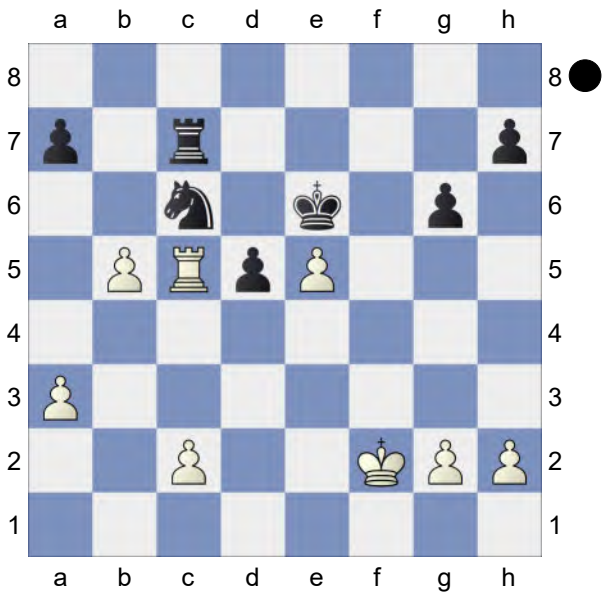


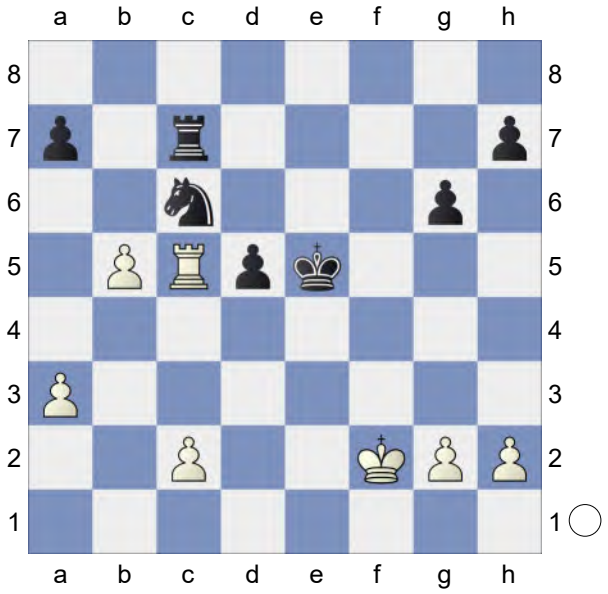
31.Rxe5 0.73/16
[⌓31.dxe5 1.41/19 d4 32.Rf3+ Kg7 33.Rc4]
31...Rxe5 32.dxe5+- Endgame Ke3 is the strong threat. KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **32...Ke6 33.b5** 0.01/23
[33.Rc5⩲ 0.55/22]
33...c5



34.Nc6? -2.22/20 **Nxc6-+ 35.Rxc5?** -4.17/30
[35.bxc6 -2.58/16 was forced. Rxc6 36.Ke2]



35...Kxe5! 0.04/31



36.Rxc6= Rxc6 37.bxc6-+ KP-KP. White is a pawn up. **37...Kd6**

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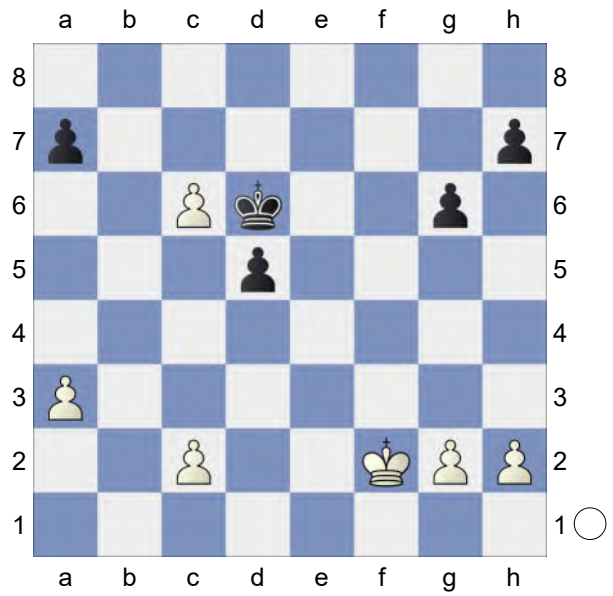
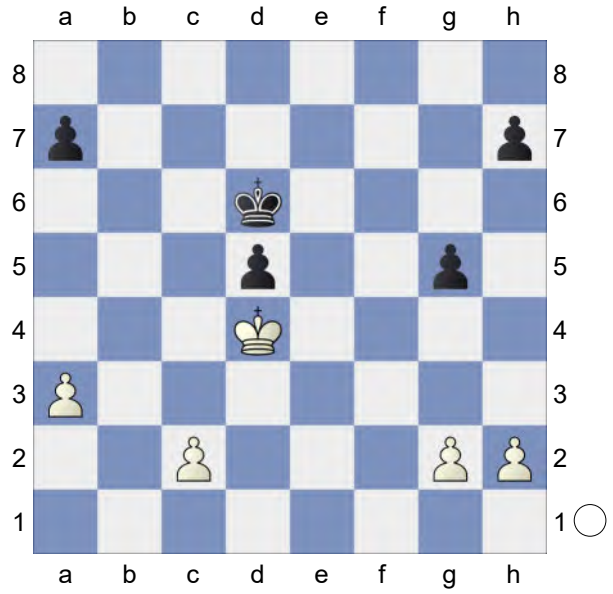


38.c7! Kxc7 39.Ke3 Kd6 40.Kd4 g5



41.g4 h6 42.h3 Ke6? 5.98/28
[42...Kc6= 0.00/29]
43.Kc5+- Ke5 44.Kc6? -0.21/22
[44.c3+- 6.51/30 Ke4 45.a4]
44...Kf4? 10.79/23
[44...Kd4= -0.21/22 45.a4 a5]
45.Kxd5 Kg3

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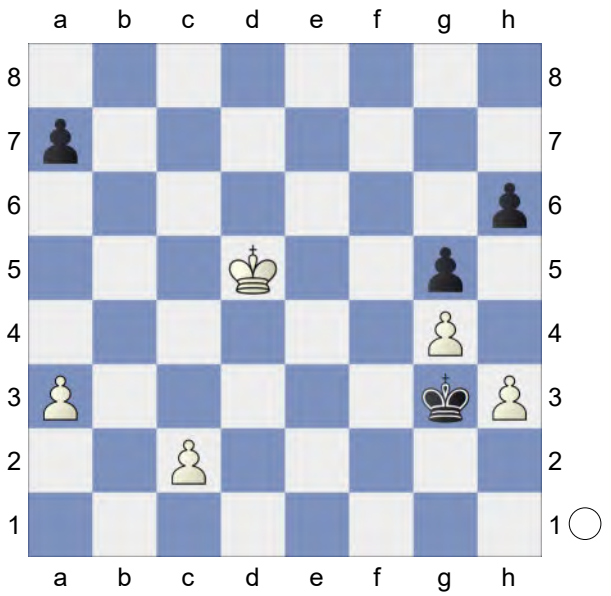
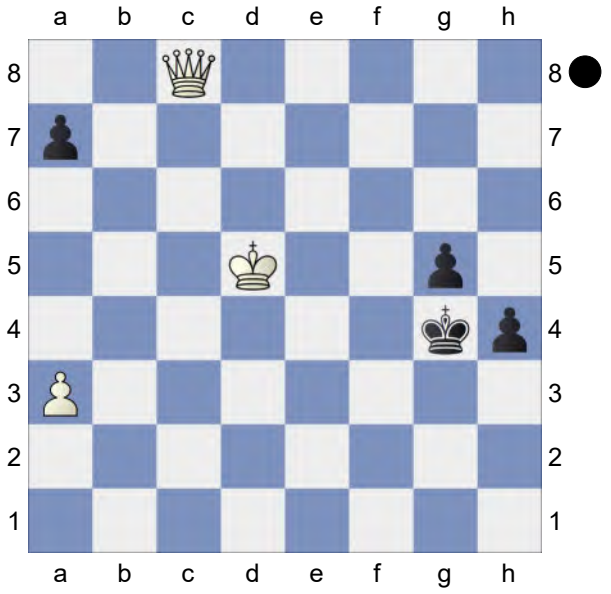


46.c4 Kxh3 47.c5 Kxg4 48.c6
Intending Ke4 and mate. **48...h5 49.c7 h4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.91
50.c8Q+
[50.c8B+ Kf4 *(50...Kg3 51.Ke4±)* 51.Kd4 g4-+]



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80 **B20**
□ **Aigner,Michael** **2070**
■ **Sobrecases,Guy** **2105**
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[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Ne5N
[4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]
4...Nxe5 5.Qxe5 d6

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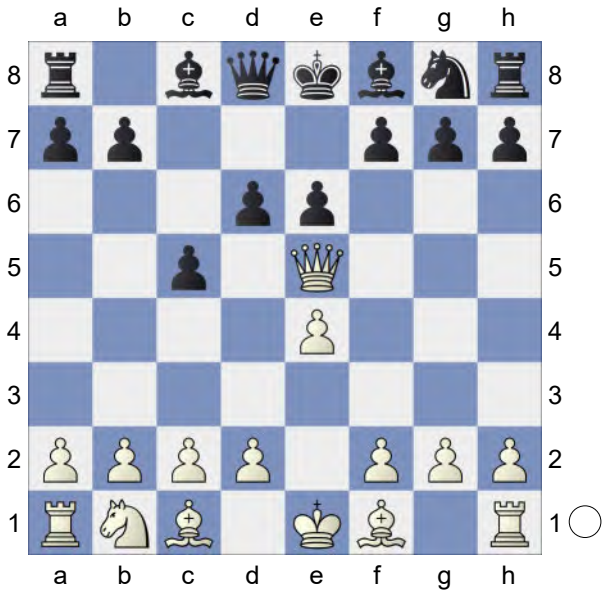
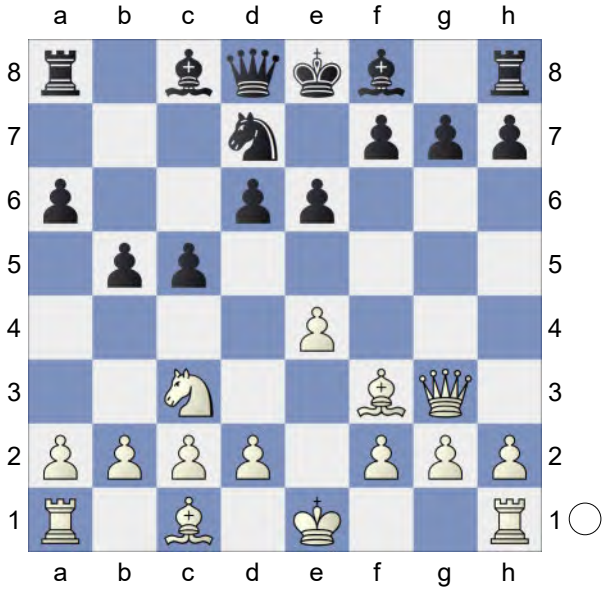


6.Qg3 Nf6 0.25/20
[6...h5 -0.22/19]
7.Nc3 a6 8.Be2 White has an edge.
8...b5 0.39/19
[8...Be7= -0.04/18
is more appropriate.]
9.Bf3 Nd7



10.e5! Discovered Attack **10...d5**

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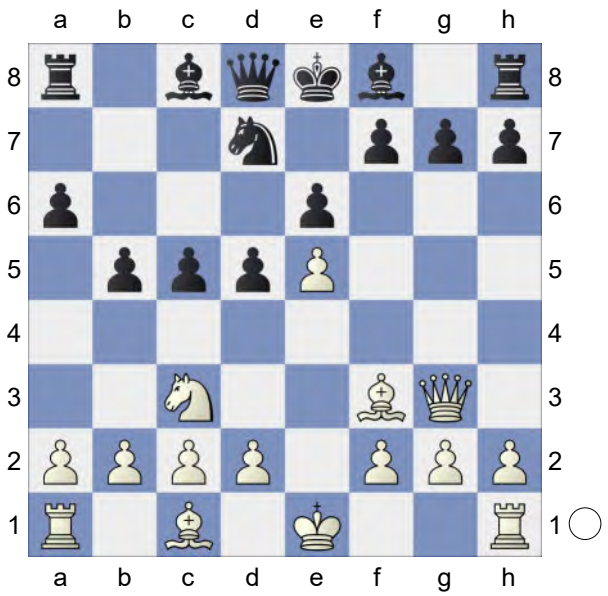
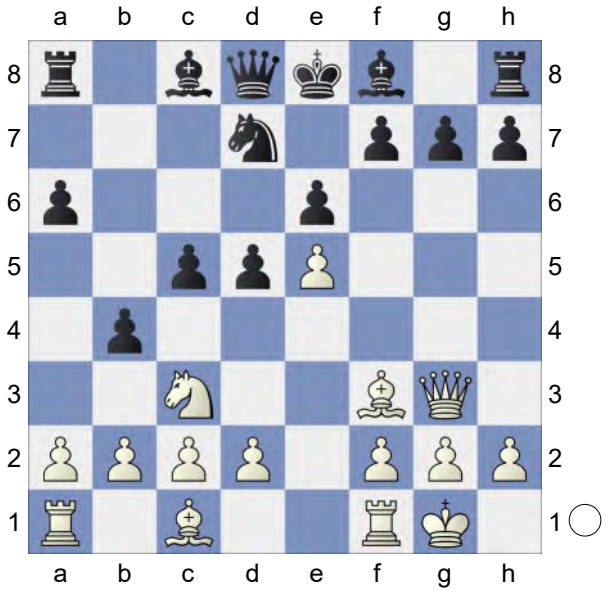
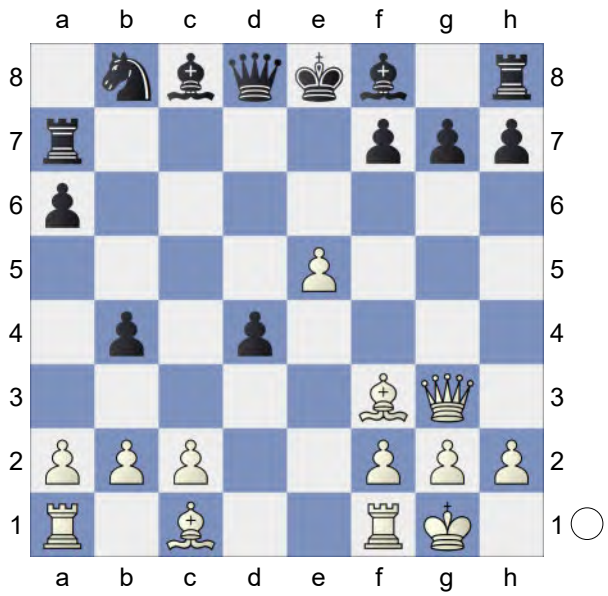


11.0-0 b4 0.63/17
[11...Bb7= 0.16/18]

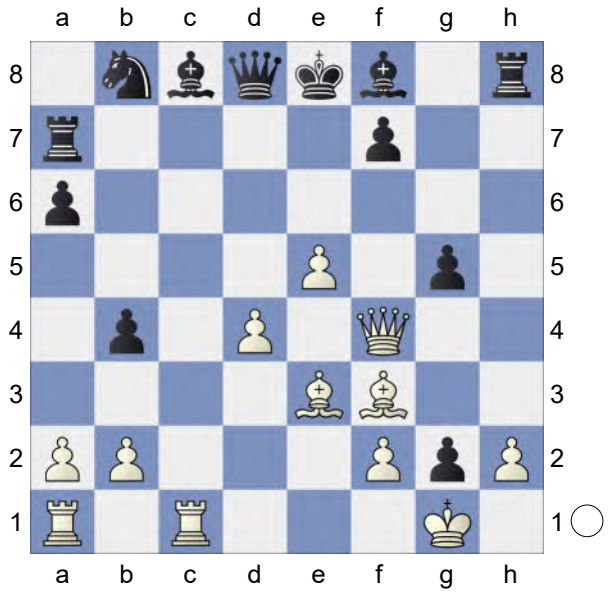


12.Nxd5 -0.87/20 **exd5∓ 13.Bxd5 Ra7 14.d4** -1.32/21 **Nb8** -0.33/19
[14...cxd4∓ -1.32/21 Hoping for ... Nc5. 15.Rd1 Bb7 16.Rxd4 Bxd5 17.Rxd5 Qa8]
15.Bf3∓ cxd4

(Diagram)

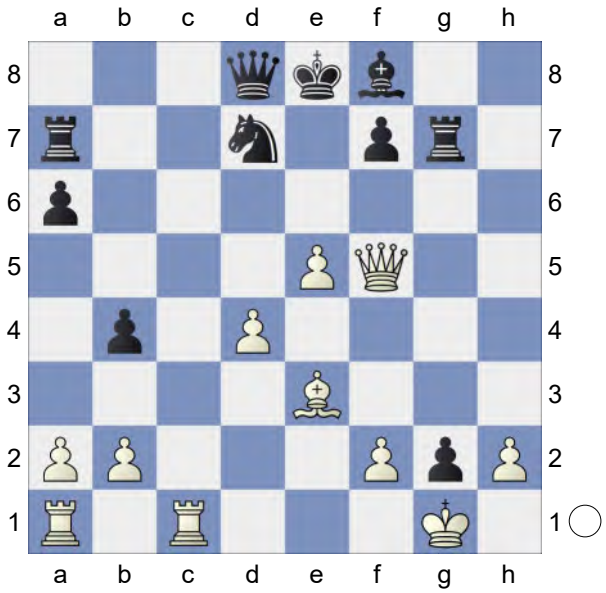


16.c3! h5 17.cxd4! h4! 18.Qf4 h3? 0.97/21
[18...Be6∓ -0.68/19 keeps the upper hand.]
19.Be3± A mistake that costs the game.
19...hxg2? 2.31/20
[19...g6± 0.73/18]
20.Rfc1+- g5

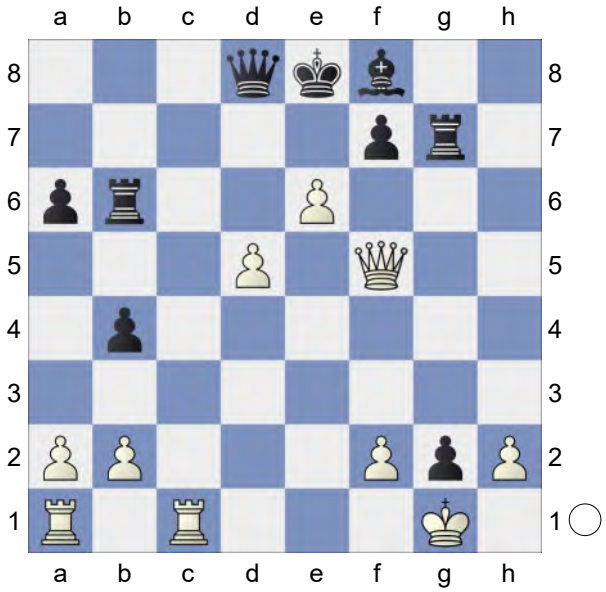


21.Qg3
[21.Qxg5 Bh6 *(21...Qxg5 22.Bxg5 Bf5 23.Rc4±)* 22.Qg3 *(22.Qxg2 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Kf8=; 22.Qh5 Bg7=)* 22...Bxe3 23.fxe3 Bf5±]

21...g4 22.Bxg4 Bxg4 23.Qxg4 Nd7 24.Qf3
[24.Kxg2 Rc7=]
24...Rh7? 4.43/17
[24...Bh6 2.56/18 was worth a try.]
25.Qf5 White is clearly winning.
[25.Kxg2 Bh6∓]
25...Rg7



26.d5 Rb7 27.e6 Nb6 28.Bxb6 Rxb6



29.e7 Bxe7
[29...Qxe7? loses. 30.Rc8+]
30.Rc8 Pin **30...Rb8**
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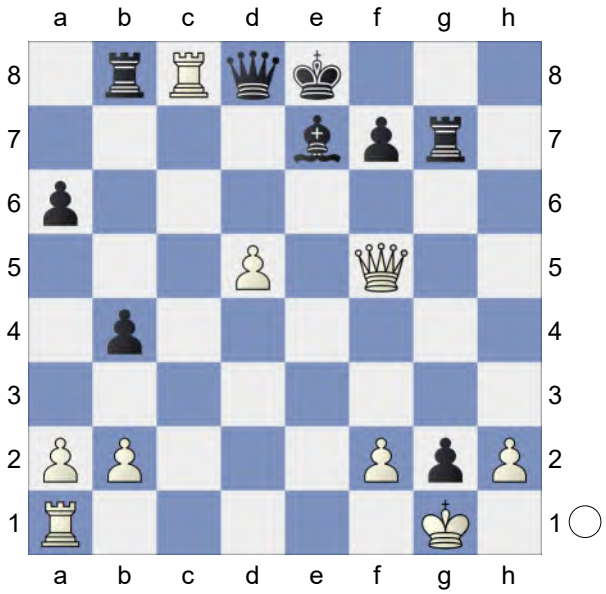
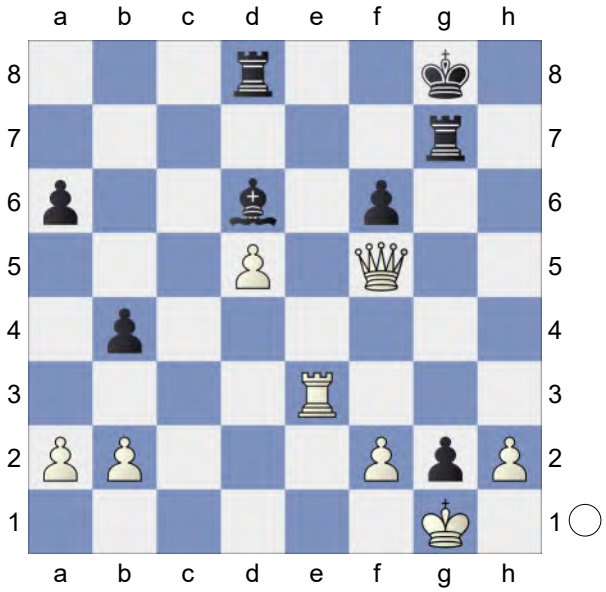


31.Rxd8+ Rxd8 32.Re1 Kf8 33.Qe5 f6 34.Qf5 Kg8 35.Re3 and Qe6+ would now be decisive **35...Bd6**



(-> ...Bxh2+!)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47
36.Qe6+
[36.Qxf6? leads to mate. Bxh2+ Discovered Attack, Decoy, Promotion 37.Kxh2 g1Q+ 38.Kh3 Qh1#]

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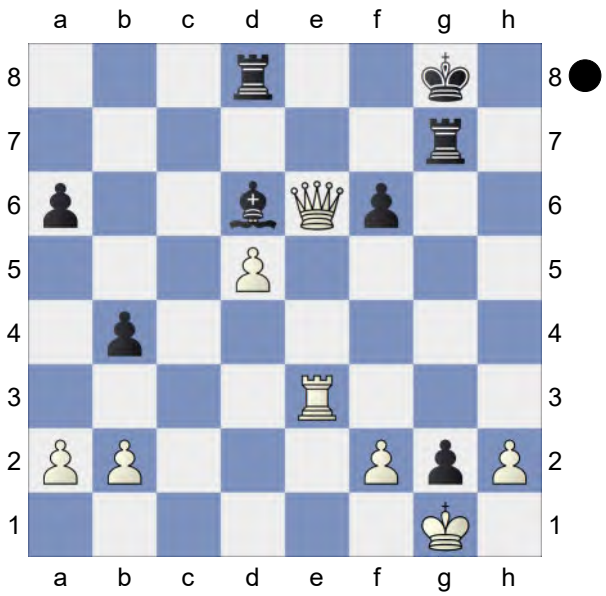

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81 **B20**
□ **Fryer,D** **2056**
■ **Stevenson,James** **2097**
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[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Qf3 Nc6 5.c3 a6N -0.44/23
[5...e5∓ -1.03/21 6.f5 g6]
[5...d5 6.d3 b6 7.g4 Ba6 8.g5 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Nd7 11.e5 Rc8 12.Be3 c4 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Bxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Rd7 gxf6 19.Rxe7 Nxe7 20.gxf6 1-0 (51) Nakamura,H (2657)-Wirig,A (2409) Nakamura-Wirig m blitz 2005]

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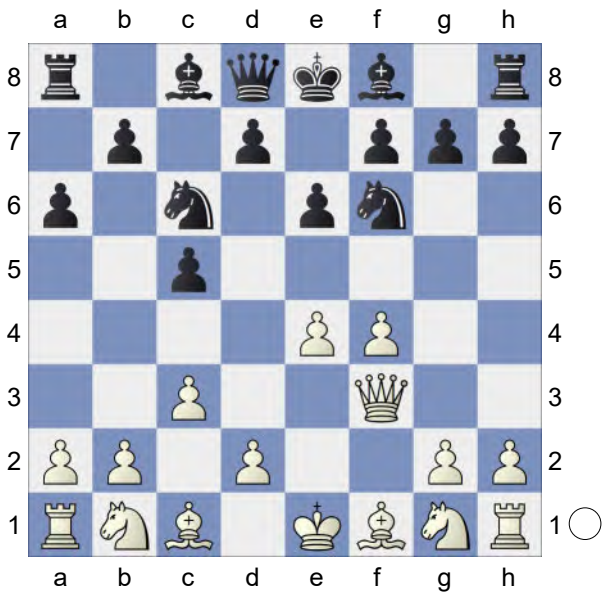
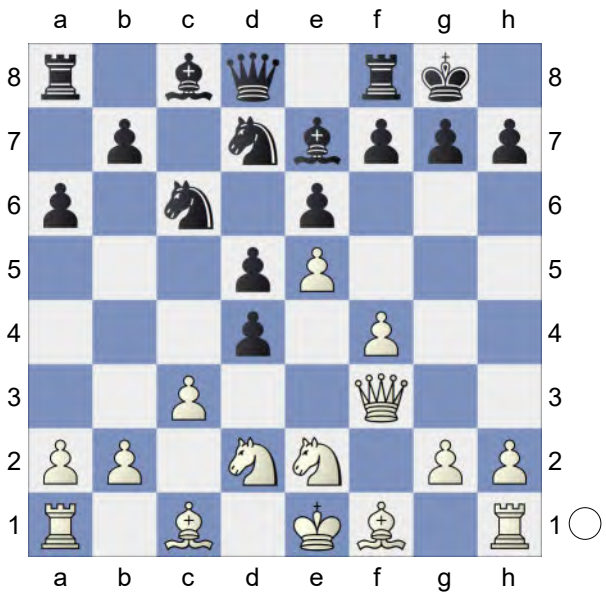
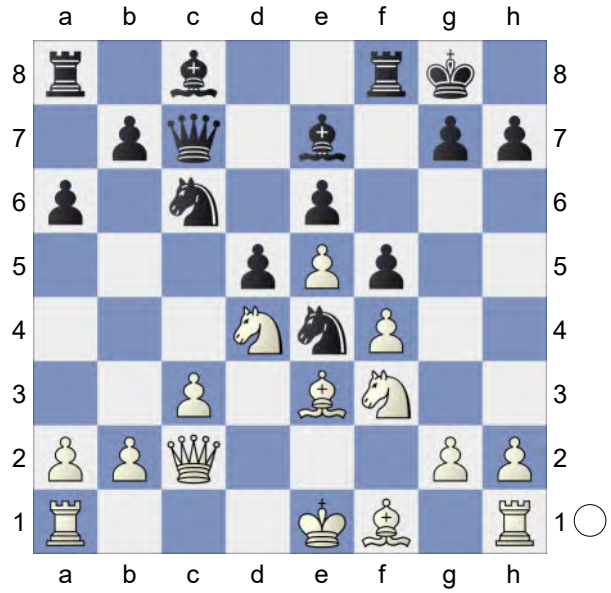


6.Ne2 Be7 7.d3 d5 8.e5 Black is better. **8...Nd7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.d4** -1.27/21
[⌓10.Qh3 -0.83/22]
10...cxd4 -0.51/21
[Black should play 10...f6∓ -1.27/21
11.Qe3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5
(12...fxe5 13.Nxe6 exf4 14.Qe2∓)
13.exf6 Qxf6 *(13...Rxf6 14.Be2∓; 13...Nxf6 14.Nxc6 Bxe3 15.Nxd8∓)*
14.Qxe6+ Qxe6+ 15.Nxe6 Re8]

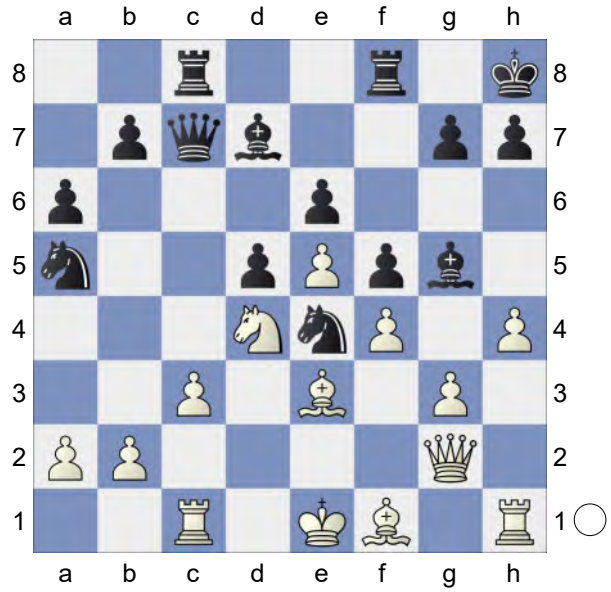


11.Nxd4∓ Qb6 12.Qf2 Nc5 13.N2f3

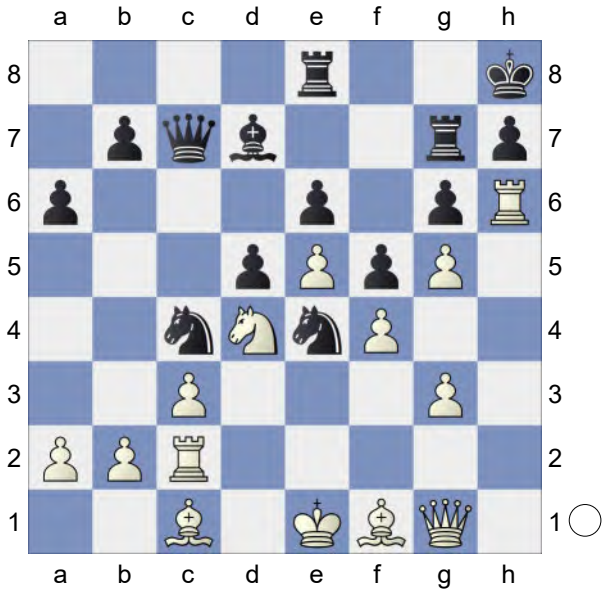
Ne4 14.Qc2 f5 15.Be3 Qc7 0.09/21
[15...Bc5∓ -0.33/21]



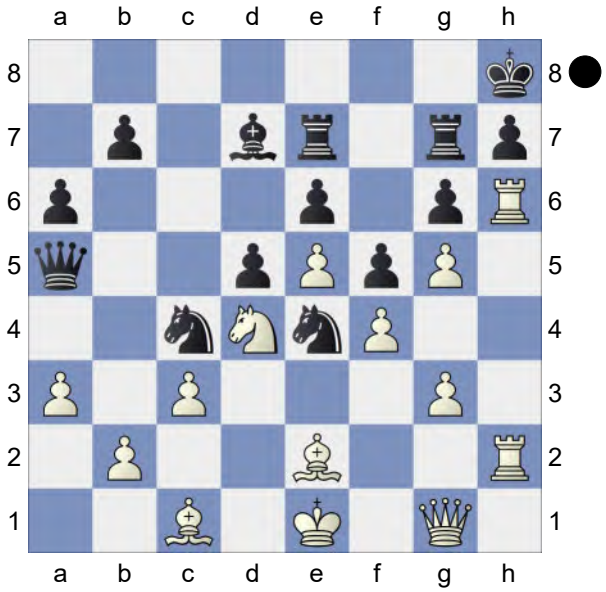
16.g3 -0.33/21
[16.Bd3= 0.09/21 was preferable.]
16...Bd7 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Qg2 Kh8 19.h4 Na5 0.30/19
[19...Nxd4∓ -0.85/21 20.Bxd4 Bb5]
20.Ng5= Bxg5



21.hxg5 g6! Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Rc2** -0.43/22
[Better is 22.g4± 0.37/21]
22...Rf7 0.25/21
[22...Nc6!∓ -0.43/22]
23.Qg1 Re8 0.60/19
[23...Nc6= 0.00/21]
24.Rh6 Nc4 25.Bc1 Rg7



26.Rch2 Ree7 0.79/22
[26...b5± 0.42/20]
27.Be2? -0.75/18
[27.Bd3± 0.79/22 and life is bright.]
27...Qa5∓ 28.a3



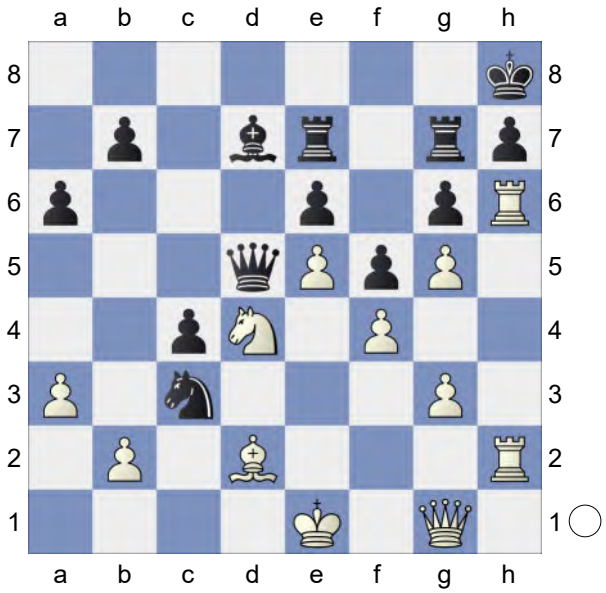
Nxc3 0.11/21 **29.Bxc4=** and Bd2! would now be decisive Black cannot hold the game after this. **29...dxc4?** 3.86/31
[29...Ne4+!= -0.07/21 30.Bd2 *(30.b4*

Qc7∓ Pin *)* 30...Nxd2 31.Rxd2 dxc4]

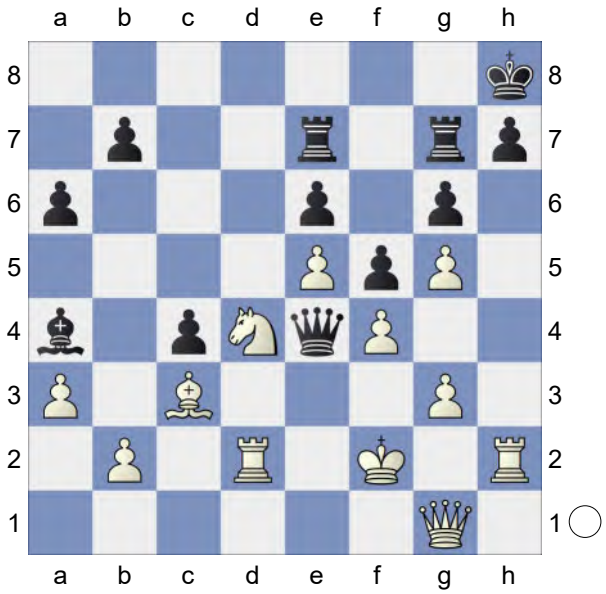
30.Bd2!+- Pin

[And not 30.bxc3 Qxc3+ 31.Ke2 *(31.Kd1? Ba4+ 32.Ke2 Qd3+ 33.Ke1 Qd1+ 34.Kf2 Qxd4+ 35.Be3 Qb2+ 36.Kf1 Qb1+ 37.Kf2 Qc2+ 38.Kf1 Qe4-+)* 31...Qd3+ 32.Ke1 Qc3+ 33.Ke2 Qd3+ 34.Ke1 Qc3+=]

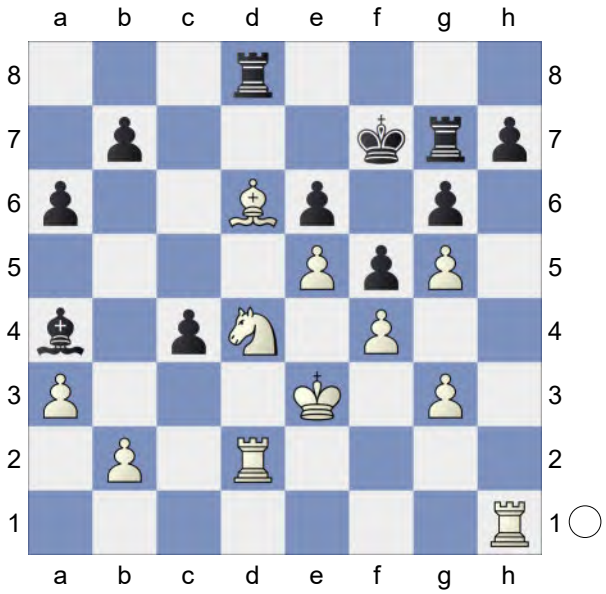
30...Qd5



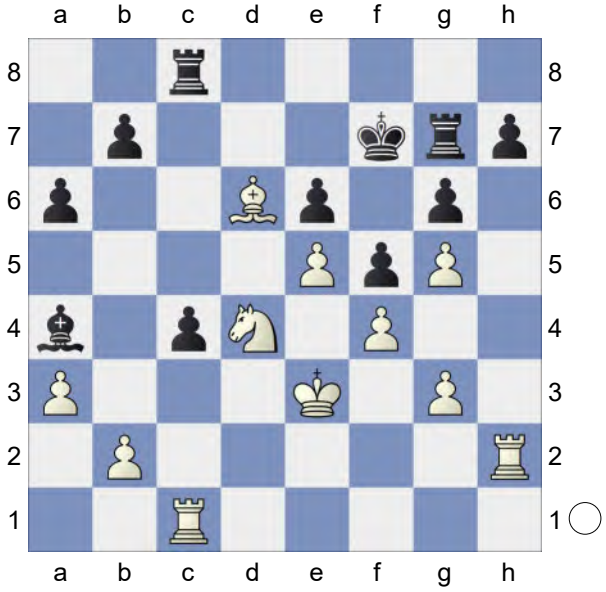
31.Bxc3 Qe4+ 32.Re2 Qd3 33.Rhh2 Ba4 34.Rd2 Qb1+ 35.Kf2 Qe4



36.Qh1 Qxh1 37.Rxh1 Kg8 38.Ke3 Kf7 39.Bb4 Rd7 40.Bd6 Rd8



41.Rdh2 Rh8 42.Rc1 Rc8



43.b3! Bb5

[43...Bd7 44.Rxc4]

44.a4 Bd7 45.a5 cxb3

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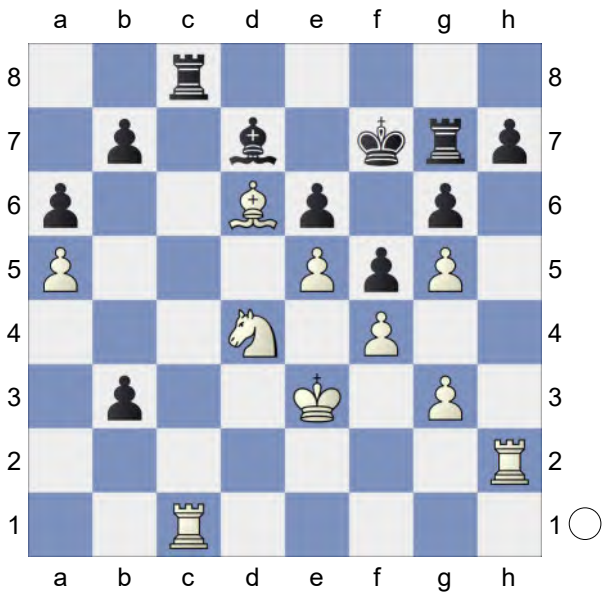
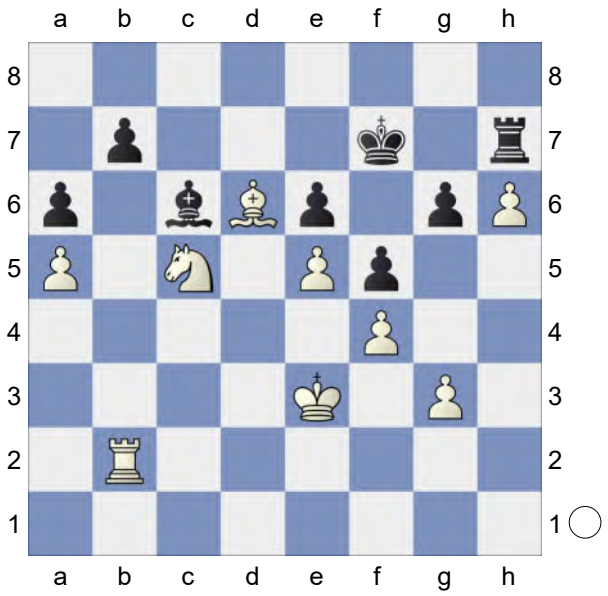


46.Rxc8 Bxc8 47.Nxb3 Bd7 48.Nc5 Bc6 49.Rb2 h6 50.gxh6 Rh7



51.Nxb7 Bd5 52.Nd8+ Ke8 53.Rb8 Rxh6

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54.Nxe6+

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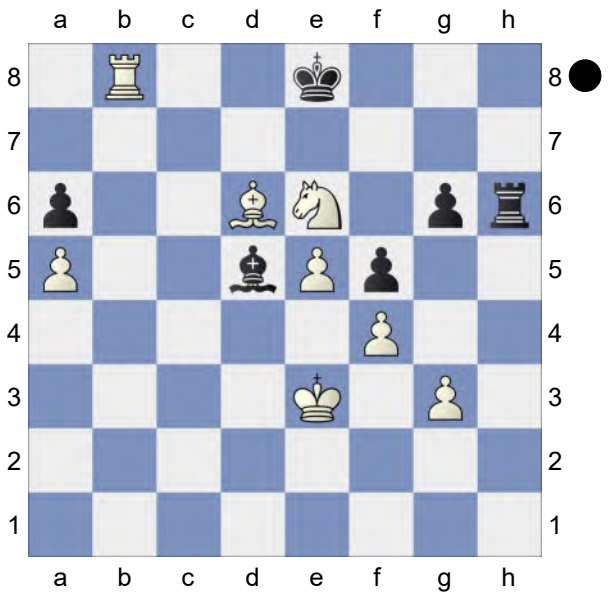

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82 **B20**

□ **Gratz,Glen** **2002**

■ **Sharapov,Yevhen** **2370**

Chess.com INT blitz (6) 02.01.2018

[Kitty Kat]

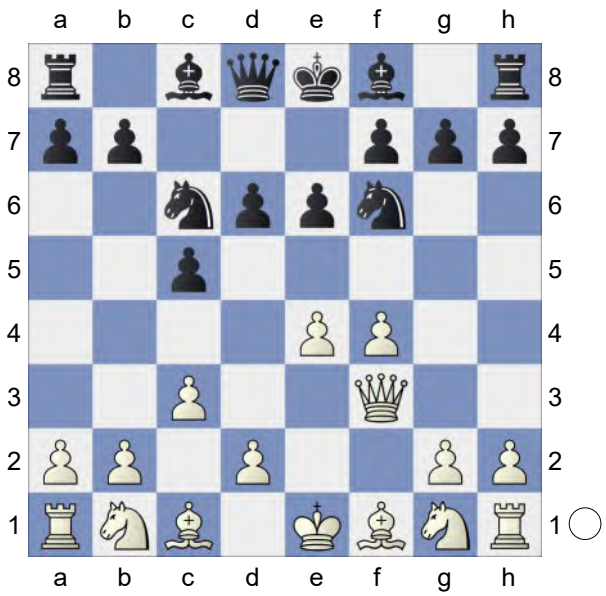
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6 3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 d6N -0.55/20

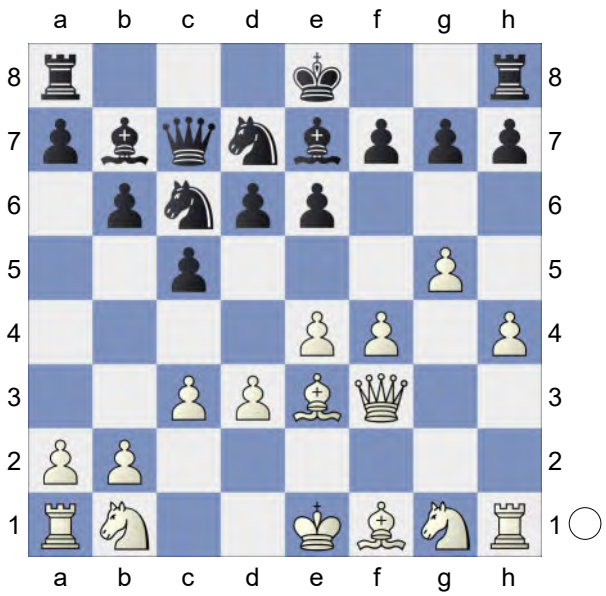
[5...e5∓ -1.11/19 Strongly threatening ...exf4. 6.Nh3 d5]

[5...d5 6.d3 b6 7.g4 Ba6 8.g5 dxe4 9.dxe4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Nd7 11.e5 Rc8 12.Be3 c4 13.Nd2 Nc5 14.Bxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Rd7 gxf6 19.Rxe7 Nxe7 20.gxf6 1-0 (51) Nakamura,H (2657)-Wirig,A (2409) Nakamura-Wirig m blitz 2005]

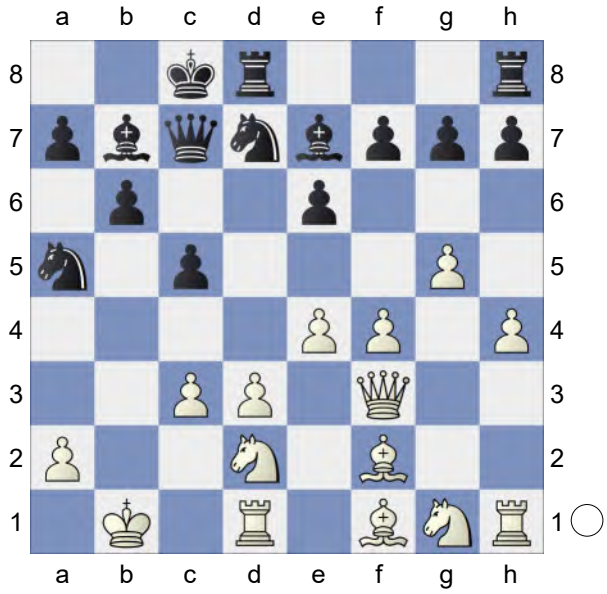
(Diagram)



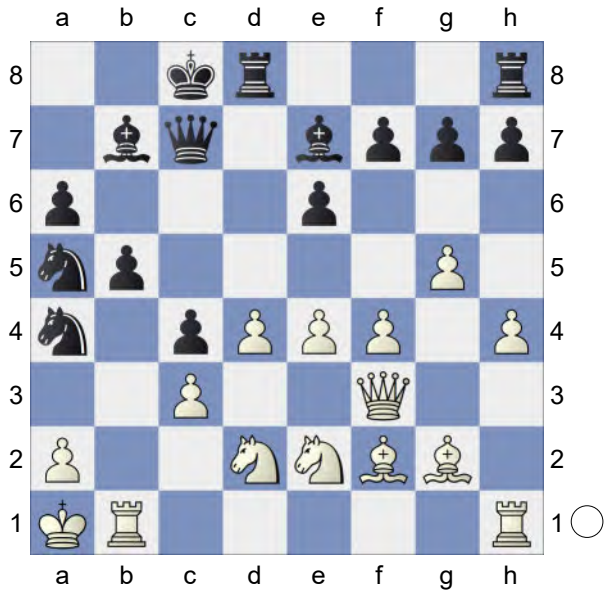
6.d3 Be7 -0.28/19
[6...b5∓ -0.64/19]
7.g4 -0.70/16
[7.a4= -0.28/19]
7...Qc7 -0.22/20
[7...h6∓ -0.70/16]
8.g5 The position is equal. **8...Nd7 9.h4 b6** 0.04/18
[Black should try 9...b5∓ -0.49/16]
10.Be3 -0.40/20
[10.Na3= 0.04/18]
10...Bb7



11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.0-0-0 -0.48/19
[12.Ne2= -0.12/20]
12...d5!∓ 13.Kb1 -0.93/17
[13.Ne2∓ -0.40/19]
13...d4∓ 14.Bf2 dxc3 15.bxc3 Na5



16.Ne2 c4 17.d4 b5 -0.43/20
[17...Qc6∓ -1.15/18]
18.Ka1 Nb6 0.01/19
[18...Qd6∓ -0.44/17]
19.Bg2 -0.63/18
[19.f5= 0.01/19]
19...Na4∓ 20.Rb1 a6



Black is much more active. **21.f5** -0.87/18

[21.Qe3∓ -0.46/18]

21...e5∓ 22.Bg3 Bd6 23.Rhd1 -1.37/19

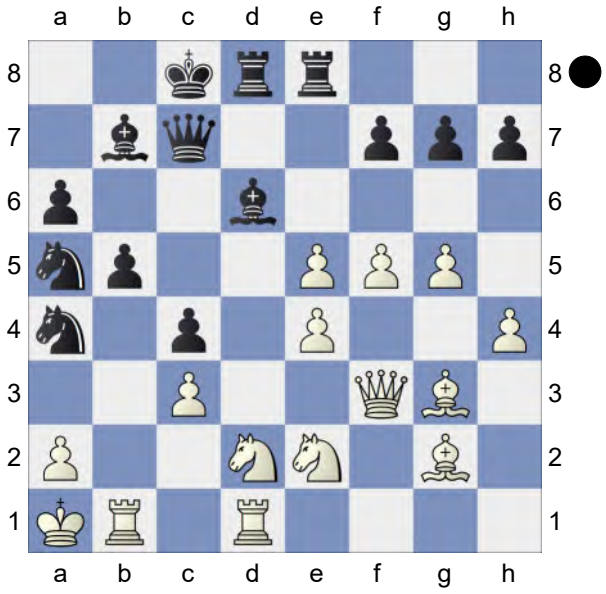
[White should play 23.f6 -0.77/16 g6 24.d5 *(24.Bh3+ Kb8=)*]

23...Rhe8

[23...exd4 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 *(24...Rxd6 25.cxd4 c3 26.Rbc1=)* 25.cxd4∓]

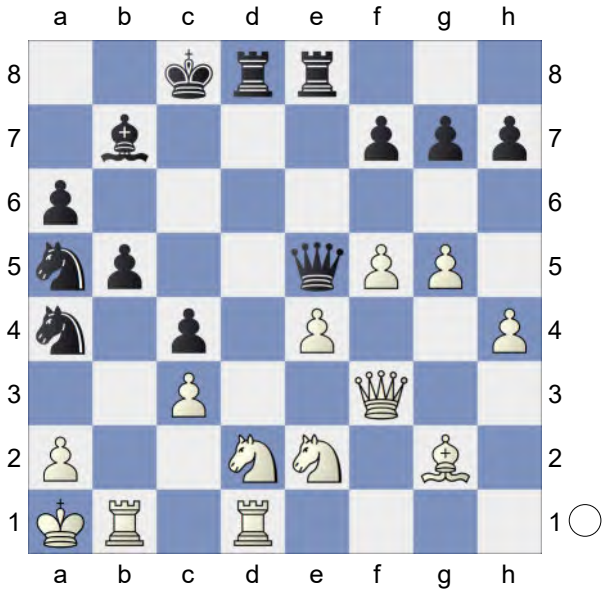
Loses the game. **24.dxe5?** -2.92/18

[24.d5∓ -1.34/17 might work better.]



24...Bxe5-+ 25.Bxe5 Qxe5

[25...Rxe5 26.Qh5∓]

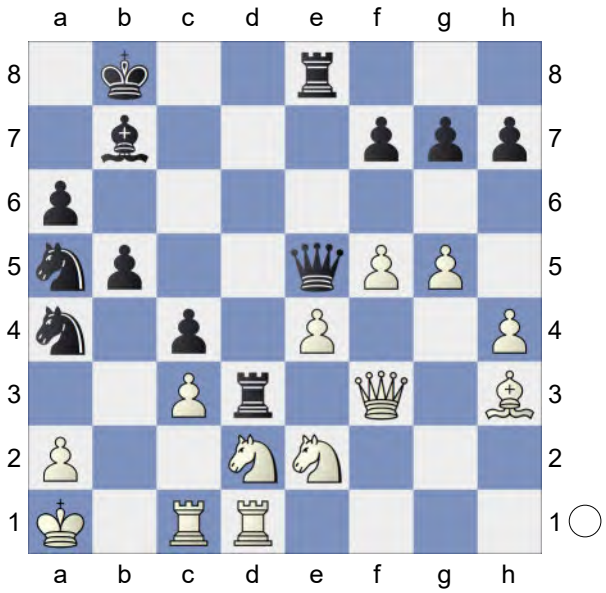


26.Bh3 Kb8

[26...Bxe4? 27.f6+ Kc7 28.Nxe4 Qxe4 29.Qg3+ *(29.Qxe4 Rxe4 30.Rxd8 Rxe2+-)* 29...Kb6 30.Qf2+ Nc5 31.fxg7+-]

27.Rbc1 Rd3

[27...Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1∓]

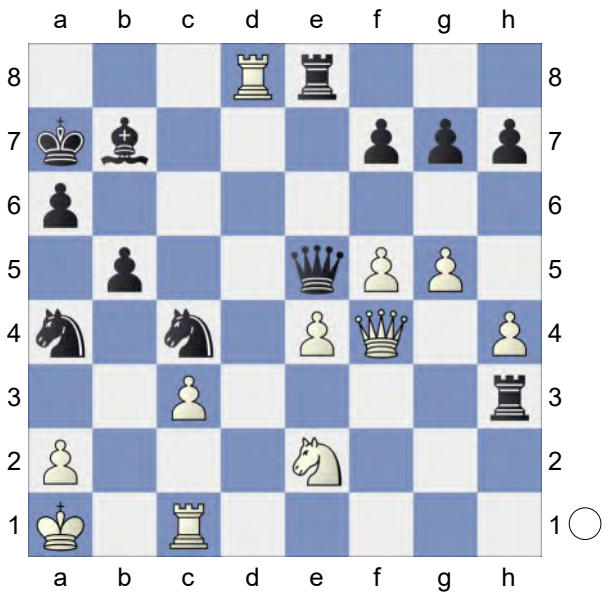


Skewer, Deflection **28.Qf4 Rxh3 29.Nxc4** -6.24/19

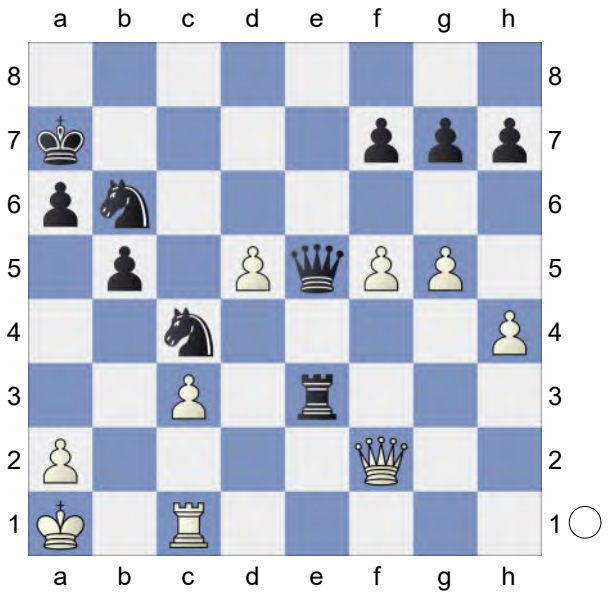
[⌓29.Qxe5+ -4.44/17 Rxe5 30.f6 gxf6 *(30...Rxh4 31.fxg7 Rxg5 32.Rg1∓)* 31.Rf1]

29...Nxc4 30.Rd8+ Ka7

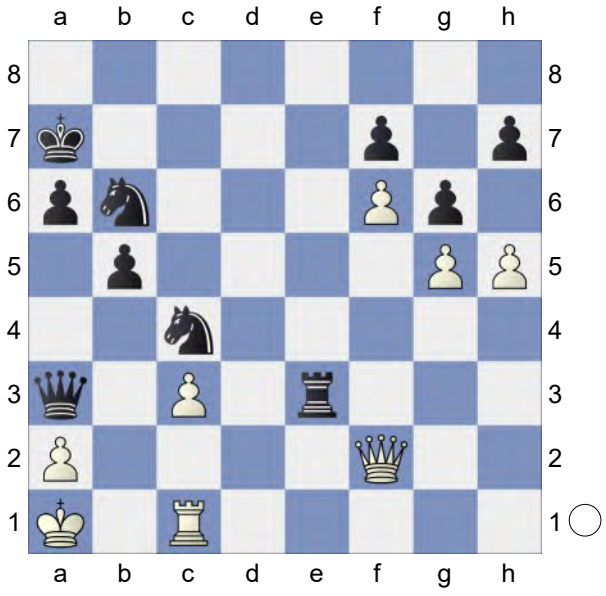
(Diagram)



31.Rxe8 Qxe8 32.Qf2+ Nab6 33.Nf4 Re3 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.exd5 Qe5



36.d6 Qxd6 -10.60/17
[⌓36...Rxc3 -#5/16 37.Qxb6+ Remove Defender Kxb6 38.Kb1 Qxf5+ 39.Rc2 Qxc2+ 40.Ka1 Qd1#]
37.f6 g6 -12.24/18
[⌓37...Rxc3 -#9/15 38.Qe1 Re3 *(38...Rxc1+ 39.Qxc1 Na3 40.Qe3 Nc2+ 41.Kb1 Nxe3 42.h5 Qd1+ 43.Kb2 Nec4+ 44.Kc3 Nd5#)* 39.Qxe3 Nxe3 40.h5 Nec4 *(40...gxf6 41.gxf6 Nec4 42.Rxc4 Nxc4 43.a4 Qxf6+ 44.Kb1 Qb2#)* 41.h6 Qe5+ *(41...gxf6 42.Kb1 Qb4+ 43.Kc2 Qd2+ 44.Kb3 Qb2#)* 42.Rc3 Qxc3+ 43.Kb1 Nd2#]
38.h5
Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/ Black=0.66
38...Qa3 -13.21/22
[⌓38...Rxc3 -#8/16 39.Qe1 Re3 *(39...Rxc1+* gets mated. *40.Qxc1 Na3 41.Qe3 Nc2+ 42.Kb2 Nxe3 43.hxg6 Nbc4+ 44.Kc3 Qd2+ 45.Kb3 Qb2#)* 40.Qxe3 Nxe3 41.hxg6 Nbc4 *(41...hxg6 42.Rc3 Na4 43.a3 Qd4* Pin *44.Kb1 Qxc3 45.Ka2 Qb2#)* 42.gxh7 Qd4+ 43.Rc3 Qxc3+ 44.Kb1 Qe1#]



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83 **B20**
□ **Van Bommel,Ton** **1988**
■ **Korinek,Jaroslav** **1857**
corr RB-2015-0-00297 26.10.2015
[Kitty Kat]

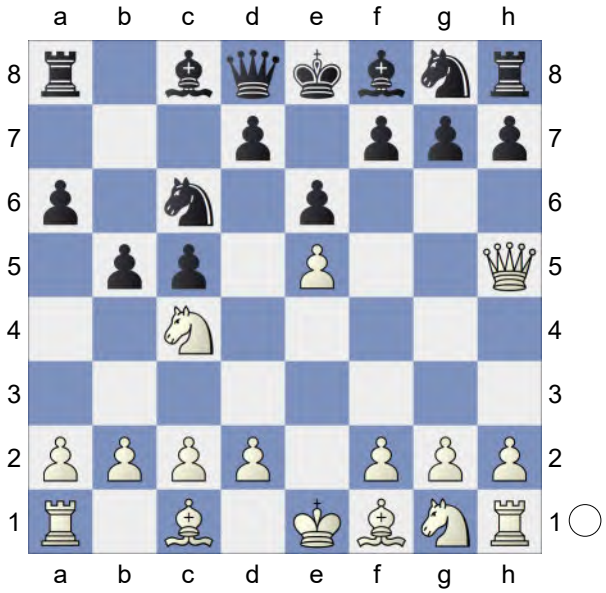
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' Dave Smerdon,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves' **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 e6**

[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.e5N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nc6 4.Na3 a6 5.Nc4 b5



6.Nd6+ Bxd6 7.exd6 e5 8.Qg4 -1.33/21

[⌓8.d4 -0.80/20 cxd4 *(8...exd4 9.Qxc5 Nf6 10.Bd3=)* 9.Bd3]

8...Nf6 -0.57/20

[Black should try 8...Qf6∓ -1.33/21 White must now prevent ...Nd4!. 9.f4 Nh6 *(9...Qxf4 10.Qxg7 Qf6 11.Qxf6∓; 9...Qxd6 10.Qxg7 Qf6 11.Qg3±; 9...exf4 10.Ne2∓)*]

9.Qxg7∓ Rg8 10.Qh6 Nd4↑

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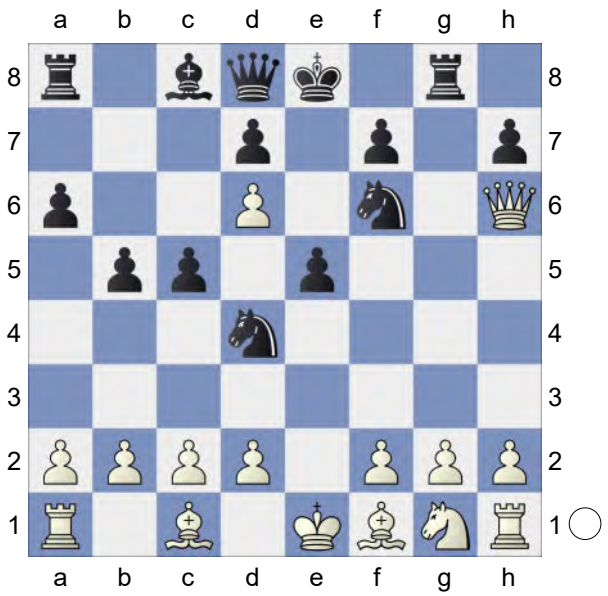

Black has some pressure. This costs White the game. **11.Bd3** -1.99/23
[White should try 11.Nf3!∓ -0.70/21]
11...e4-+
[11...Rxg2 12.c3 Ne6 13.Nh3=]
[11...Bb7 12.Ne2∓]
12.c3 Rg6
[12...exd3 13.cxd4 Bb7 *(13...Rxg2 14.Qe3+ Kf8 15.Qf3±; 13...cxd4 14.Nf3±)* 14.Nf3∓]
13.Qh3
[13.Qe3 Nd5 14.Qxe4+ Re6 15.cxd4 Qh4∓ *(15...Rxe4+ 16.Bxe4 Bb7 17.Ne2∓)*]
13...exd3 14.cxd4 Kf8 15.Qf3
Dodges Bb7 **15...Rb8**
[15...Qe8+ 16.Kf1 Ne4 17.Qxd3∓]

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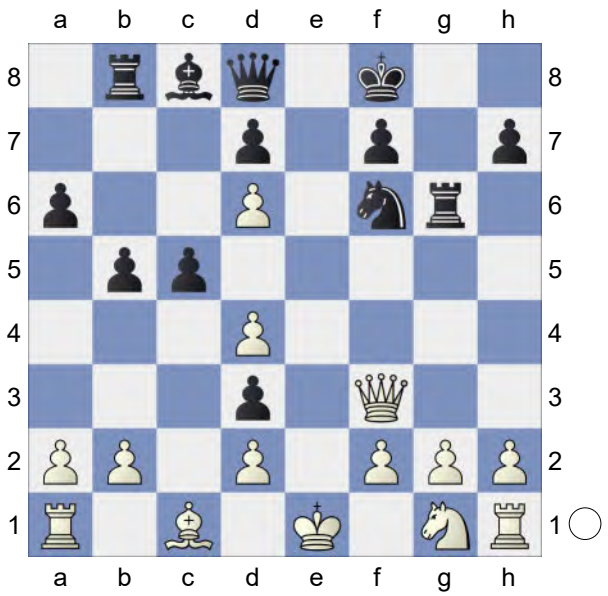

16.Qxd3
[16.dxc5? Bb7 17.Qxd3 Bxg2-+]
16...Bb7
[16...Rxg2 17.Ne2∓]
17.f3 Nh5
[17...Rxg2 18.Kf1 *(18.dxc5 Ng4-+)* 18...c4 19.Qf5±]
[17...c4 18.Qf5∓]
18.g3 Qf6
[Not 18...Rxd6 19.Qxh7 Rd5 20.Qh8+ Ke7 21.Qxd8+ Rxd8 22.dxc5±]
[Don't play 18...c4 19.Qc3-+]
19.dxc5 -3.37/22
[⌓19.b3 -2.25/19]
19...Re8+ 20.Kd1 b4

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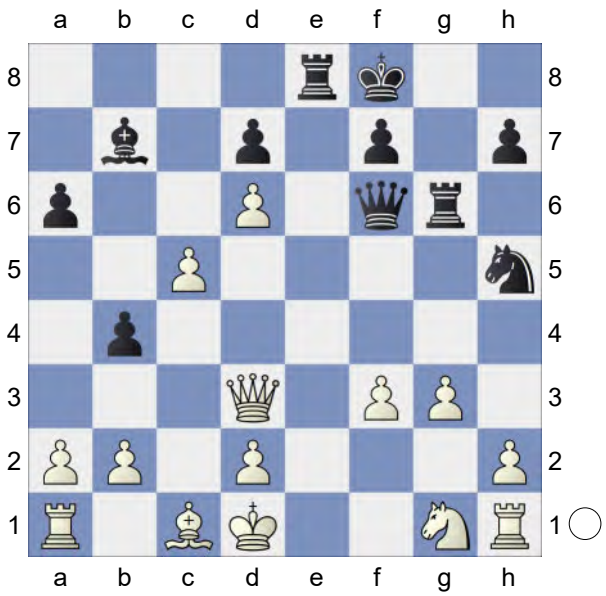
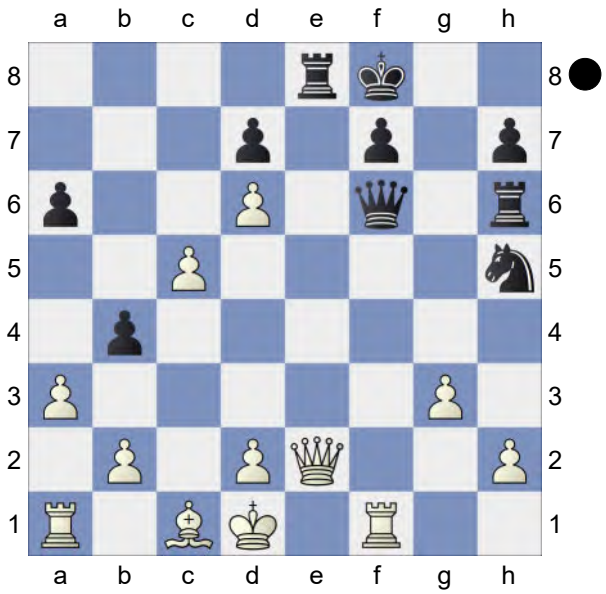


Wards off Qc3 **21.a3 Rh6! 22.Ne2**
[22.axb4 Nxg3 23.Qc3 Nxh1]
22...Bxf3 23.Rf1 Bxe2+ 24.Qxe2



Qd4 25.Qf2
[25.Qxa6 b3 26.d3 Rf6-+]

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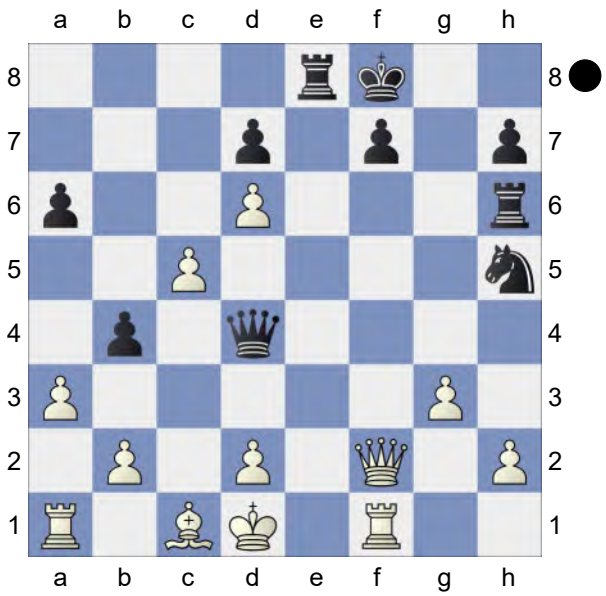
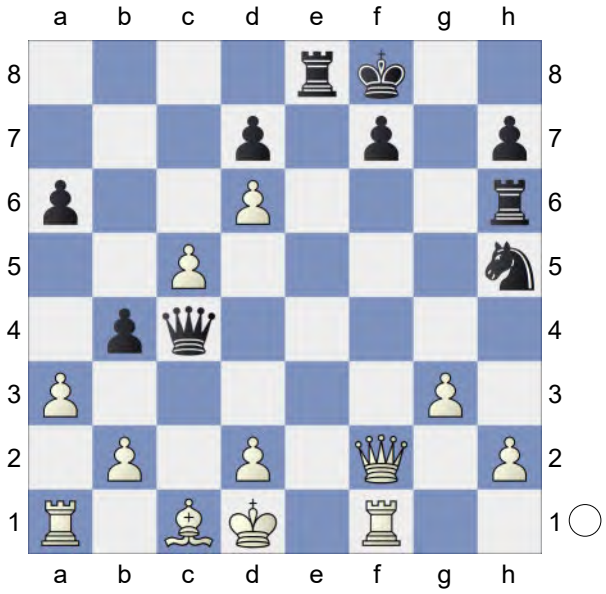


25...Qc4



26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Rxf7+ Kxf7
28.axb4 Nf6 29.Rxa6 Rxh2
Black is clearly winning. **30.Kc2 Re4**

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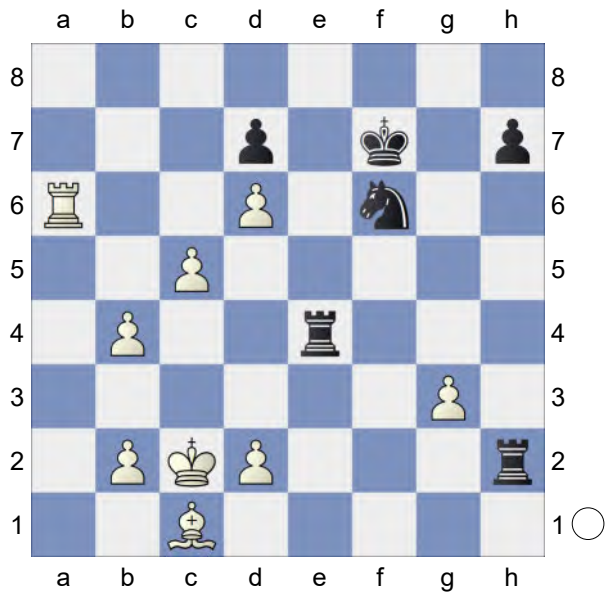

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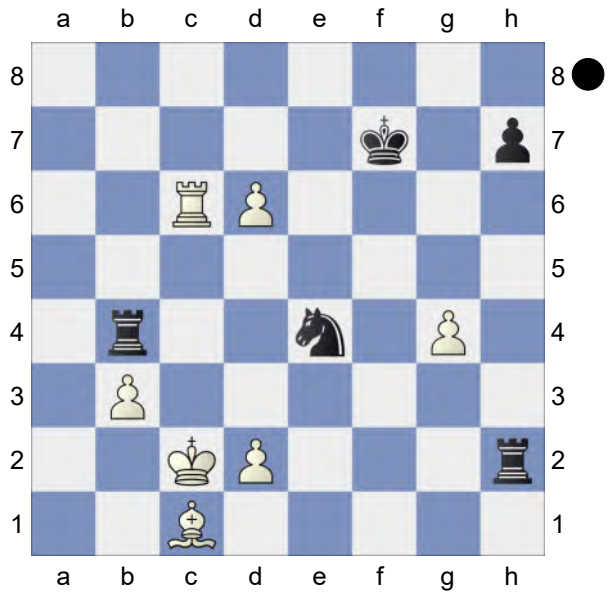

Nxd2! Discovered Attack **35.Rc7+**
[35.Bxd2 Rd4]
35...Ke6

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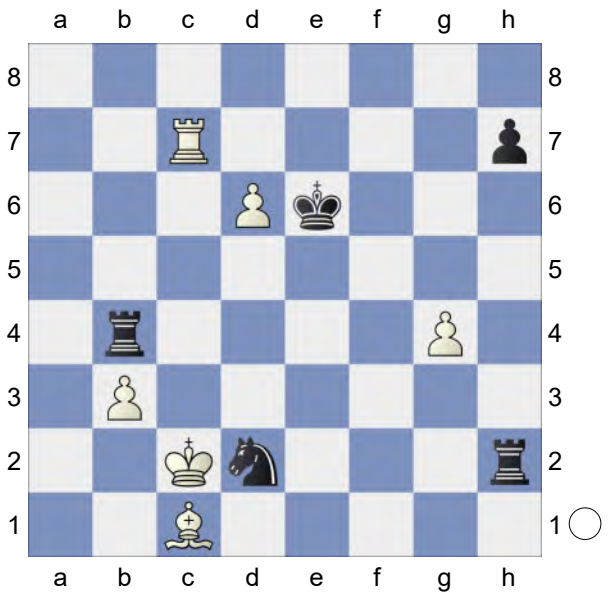
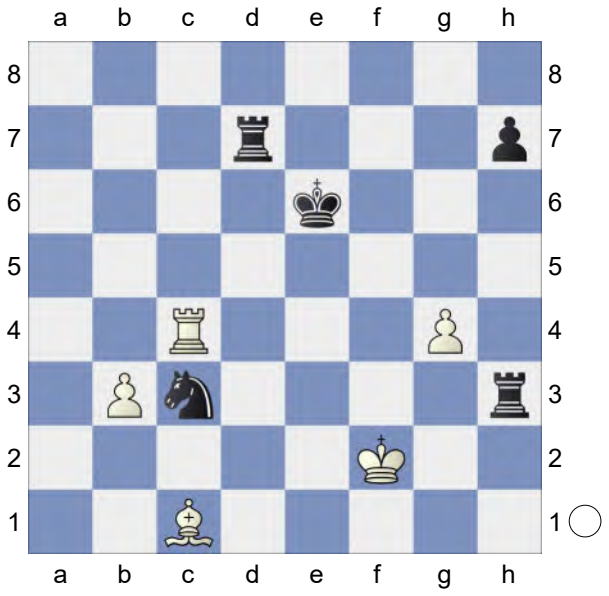


36.d7 Ne4+ 37.Kd3 Rh3+ 38.Ke2 Rd4
[38...Rhxb3 39.d8Q *(39.d8R Ra4=)* 39...Nc3+ 40.Kf1]
39.Rc4 Nc3+ 40.Kf2 Rxd7



41.Rc6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
41...Rd6

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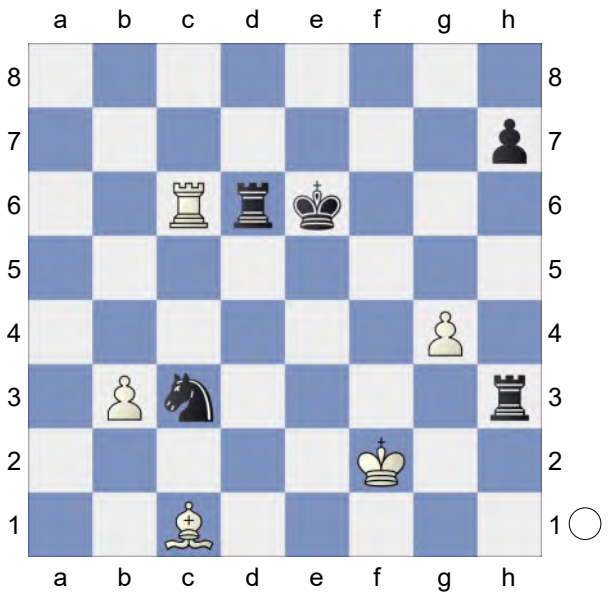

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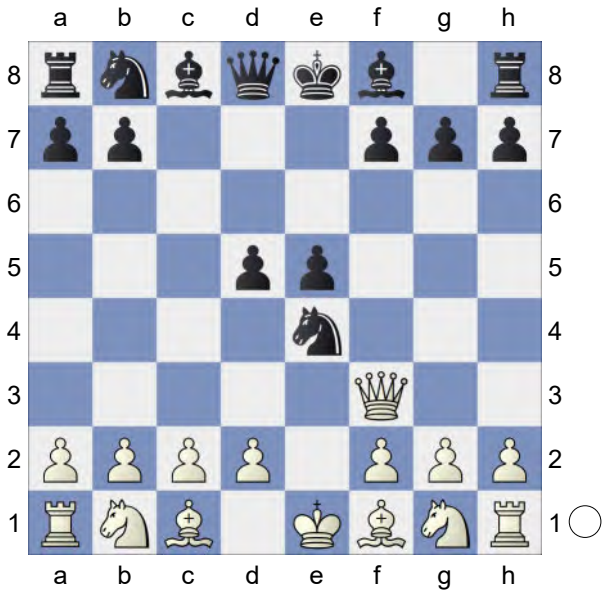
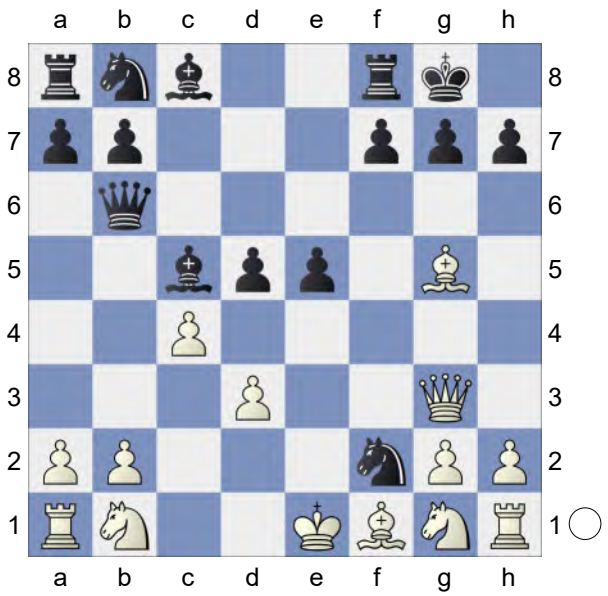
84 **B20**
□ **Klein Sr,Jozef** **1579**
■ **Rogers,Michael** **0**
WS/O/521 ICCF 10.03.2012

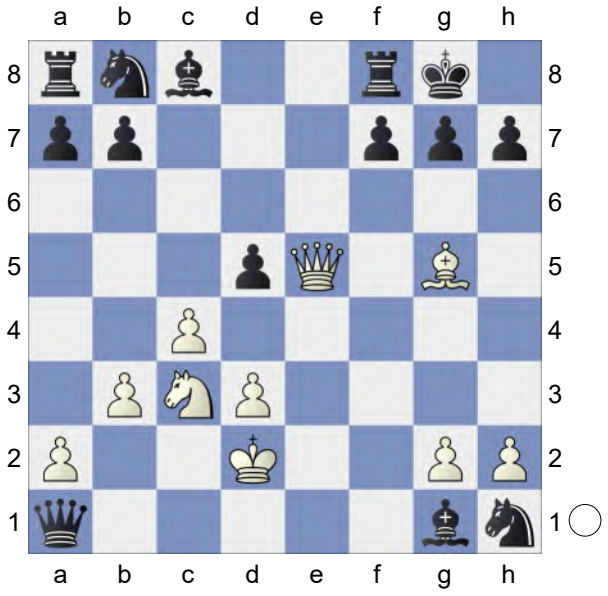
1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 Nf6 3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qf5 d5 5.Qf3 e5



6.c4 Bc5 7.d3 Nxf2 8.Qg3 0-0 9.Bh6 Qf6 10.Bg5 Qb6



11.b3 Nxh1 12.Qxe5 Bxg1 13.Nc3 Qf2+ 14.Kd1 Qxf1+ 15.Kd2 Qxa1



16.Qe1 Qb2+ 17.Kd1 Nf2+ 18.Qxf2 Bxf2 19.Nxd5 Bg4#

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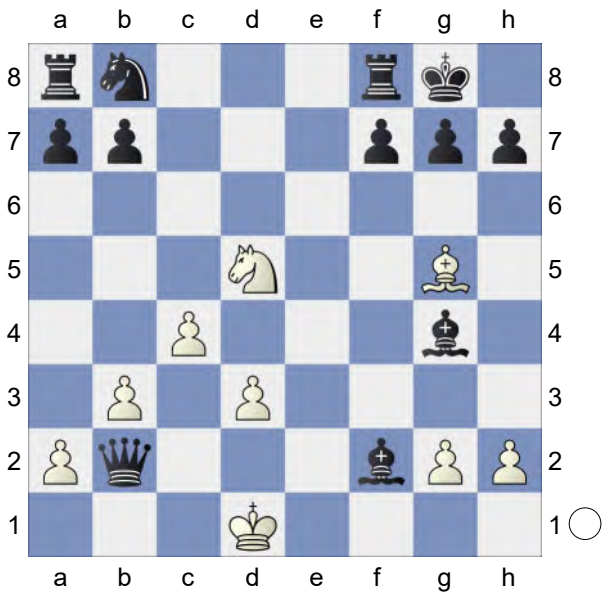

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□ **Madrid,Rei Iane**
■ **Mauricio,Darwin**
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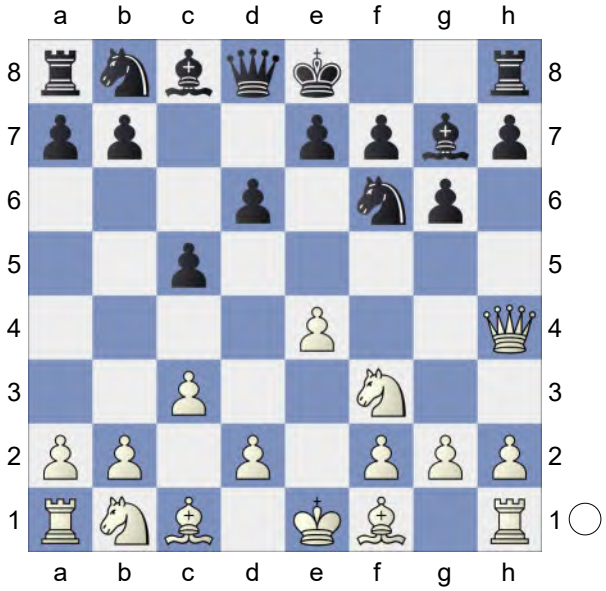
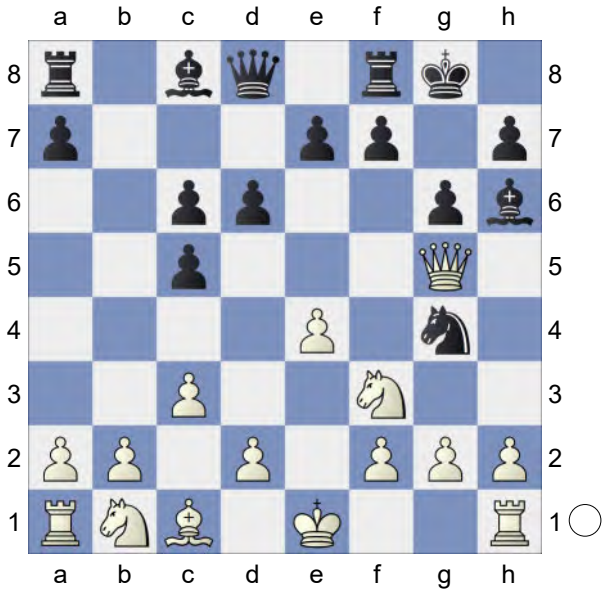
B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves
'Rowson,MH: 'B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves" **1.e4 c5 2.Qh5 d6**
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 d5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5 Nc6 10.c3 Nd7 11.f4 Bf6 12.Nd2 g6 13.Ndf3 Bg7 14.g4 Ndxe5 15.fxe5 Bd7 16.g5 Ne7 17.h4 Nf5* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2839)-Cheng,X (2288) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Sep Late blitz 2023 (1) *)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7 14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]
3.Nf3N
[3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qg5 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nb4 7.Bb3 h6 8.Qf4 g5 9.Qe3 g4 10.Nh4 c4 11.Ba4+ Bd7 12.Kd1 Bxa4 13.Nxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Qe5 Rg8 16.a3 0-1 Raiter,S-Bartsch,A VM2002-VR-Gr04]
[3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Qf3 e5 6.f5 d5 7.d3 b6 8.g4 Bb7 9.g5 dxe4 10.dxe4 Nd7 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Nd2 Nd4 13.cxd4 cxd4 14.Bf2 Qc2 15.Bd3 Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qxa2 17.Qe2 a5 1-0 (29) Nakamura,H (2657)-Dejmek,M (2144) 33rd World Open 2005 (3)]
3...g6 4.Qh4 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 -0.58/20
[5...Nc6∓ -0.97/20]



6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Qf4 -2.41/20
[8.0-0∓ -0.92/19]
8...0-0 9.Qe3 Ng4 -1.26/18
[9...d5-+ -1.91/19 10.Qxc5 dxe4 *(10...Nxe4 11.Qxc6 Bg4 12.d4∓)*]
10.Qg5? -3.46/21
[10.Qe2∓ -1.26/18]

10...Bh6? -1.00/19
[10...f5-+ -3.46/21 is more deadly. 11.exf5 Bxf5]



11.Qh4∓ h3 is the strong threat. **11...e5**
12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.h3 -1.90/18
[13.Na3∓ -0.76/20]
13...Nf6-+ 14.0-0 Nxe4 -1.23/22
[Black should try 14...Ba6!-+ -2.10/21 15.d4 Bxf1 16.Bxh6 Be2 17.dxe5 dxe5 *(17...Nxe4 18.Nfd2∓)*]
15.Na3 -2.68/19
[15.d4∓ -1.23/22 keeps fighting. Bxc1 16.Rxc1]
15...Ba6

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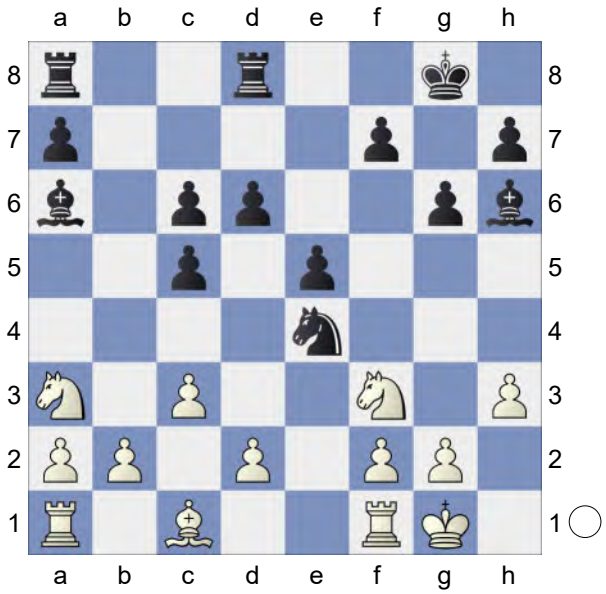
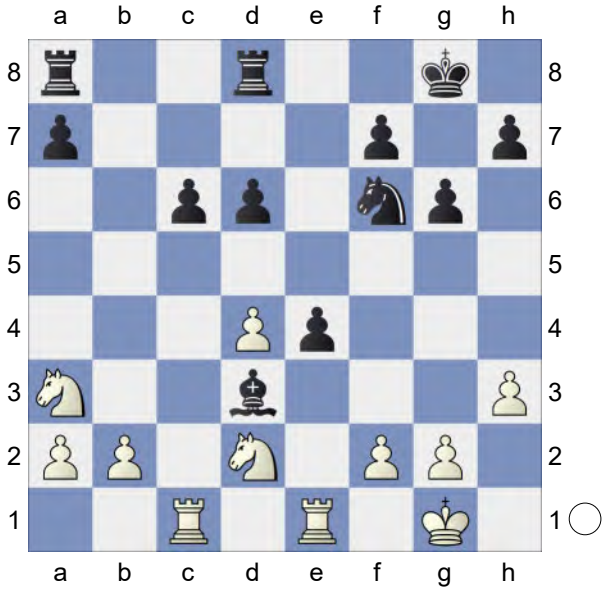
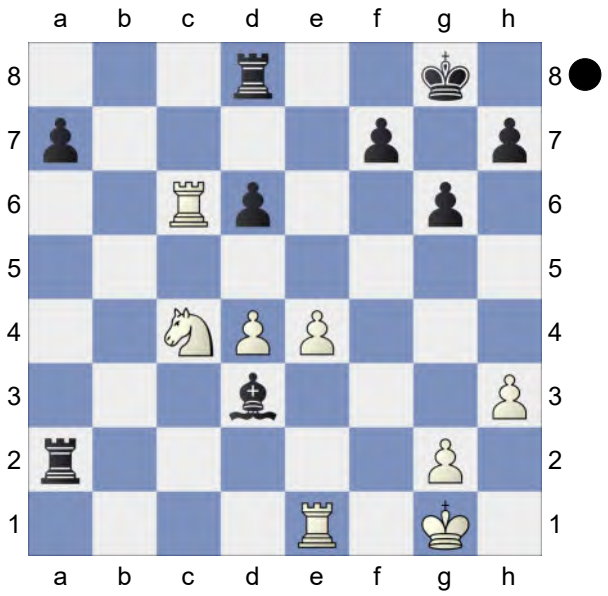


16.Re1 Nf6 -0.89/19
[16...Bd3-+ -2.89/22 17.b3 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5]
17.d4∓ Bxc1 18.Raxc1 e4 19.Nd2 cxd4 -0.28/22
[19...Rab8∓ -0.89/22 20.b3 d5]
20.cxd4= Bd3↑



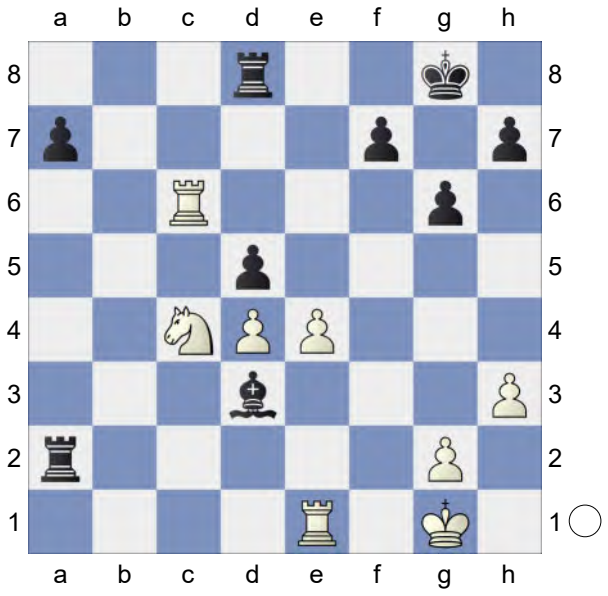
White is under pressure. **21.Rxc6 Rab8 22.f3** -1.28/23
[22.Nac4= -0.24/21]
22...Rxb2∓ 23.Nxe4 Nxe4 24.fxe4 Rxa2 Black is much more active. **25.Nc4** -1.62/20

[25.Rc3∓ -0.95/19 Ba6 26.Nc4]



25...d5 -0.35/20

[25...Rb8!-+ -1.62/20 ...Bxc4 would now be deadly. 26.Kh1 *(26.Nxd6? perishes. Rbb2-+)* 26...Rc2]



26.Nd6 -3.16/21

[26.exd5∓ -0.35/20 Rxd5 27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Ne5]

26...dxe4-+ 27.Nxe4 Rxd4 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Ne8+ Kh6 30.Nd6

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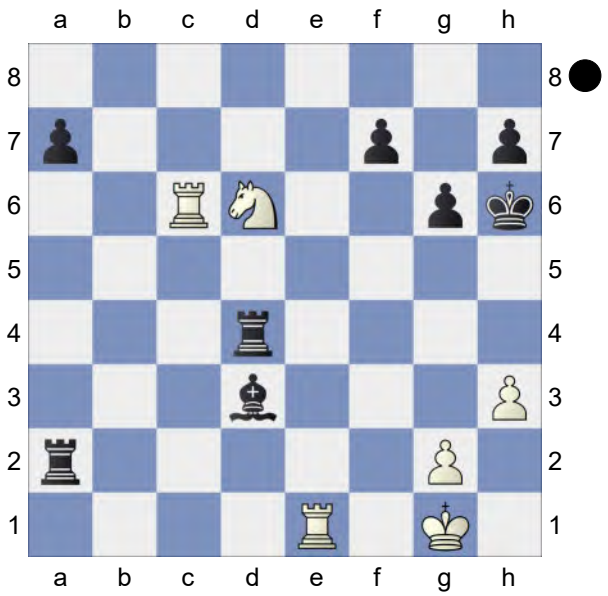

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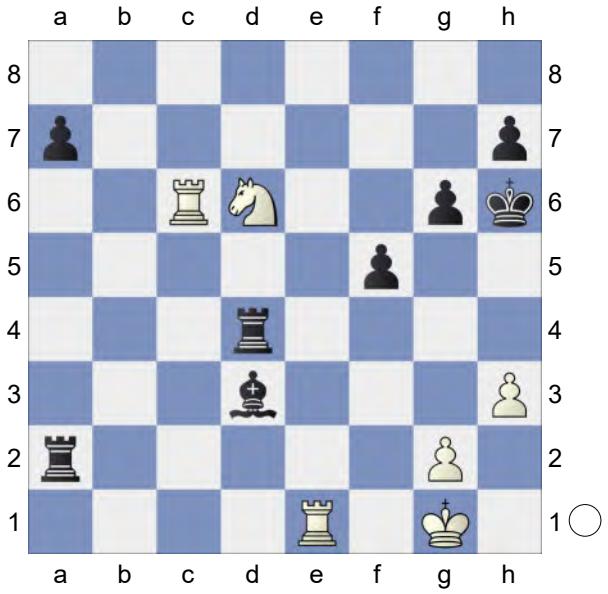

31.Re7 Be4 32.Nxe4 Rxe4 33.Rcc7 -6.16/22

[33.Rxe4 -2.80/19 fxe4 34.Re6]

33...Rxe7 Black is clearly winning.

34.Rxe7 Endgame KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **34...a5 35.Kh2 a4**

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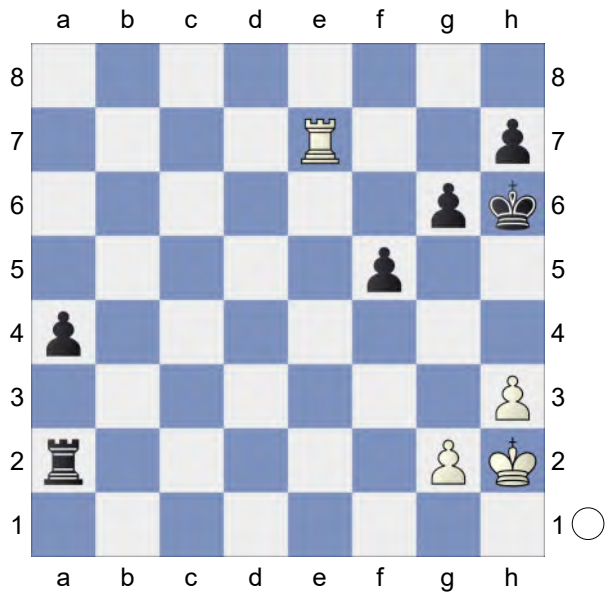
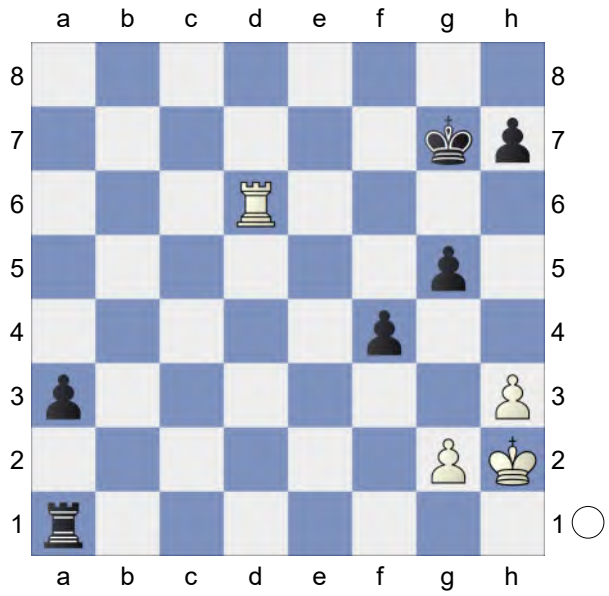


36.Rf7 a3 37.Ra7 f4 38.Rf7 g5 39.Rf6+ Kg7 40.Rd6 Ra1



41.Rd2 a2 42.Rd7+ Kg6 43.Ra7 h5 44.g4 f3 45.Kg3

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45...Rg1+

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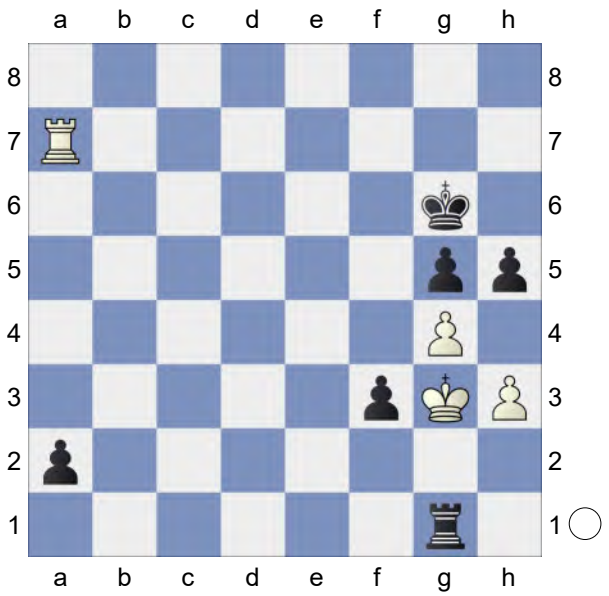

time forfeit

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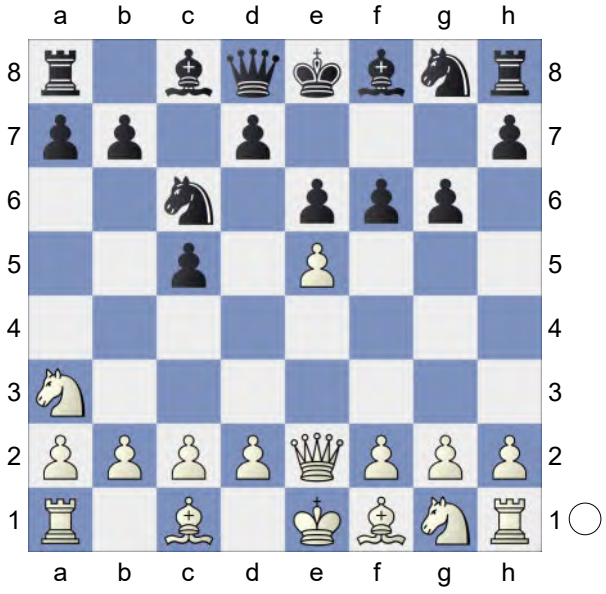
[2...Nf6 3.Qh4 *(3.Qxc5 Nxe4 4.Qe3 d5 5.Nf3 a6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bd3 e6 8.Nc3 Nd6 9.Ne2 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nc6 11.c3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rfe1 Ne4 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 b5 17.a3 Na5* 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Hambleton,A (2420) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Late blitz 2023 (4)*)* 3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.d3 h6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Rc8 11.Re1 Bg7 12.Nc3 b6 13.a4 Bb7

14.a5 g5 15.Qa4+ Nd7 16.a6 Ba8 17.Qxd7+ 0-1 (39) Rapport,R (2698)-Grischuk,A (2750) chess.com blitz 3m+2spm 2017 (1.17)]

3.e5N

[3.Nf3 Nc6 *(3...Nf6 4.Qh4 d6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Be7 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Qc7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Ba6 13.Ne3 Nxc3 14.dxc3 f5 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.0-0-0 Ke7 17.Rde1 Kf7 18.Nf1* 1-0 (32) Xiong,J (2692)-Willow,J (2409) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early blitz 2022 (10)*)* 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Qh4 Qc7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg3 g6 10.d3 h6 11.Nbd2 b6 12.a3 Bb7 13.c4 Nc7 14.Ne4 0-0-0 15.b4 a6 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Nd6+ 1-0 Salman,F (2713)-Wastfelt,T (2675) RUS-chT (Women) 2018 (2)]

3...Nc6 4.Na3 g6 5.Qe2 f6



6.Nf3 fxe5 7.Nxe5 Nge7 -0.48/23

[7...Nd4∓ -0.84/23 8.Qd3 Bg7]

8.h4 -0.91/24

[8.c3∓ -0.48/23 was preferable.]

8...Bg7 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.h5 d5

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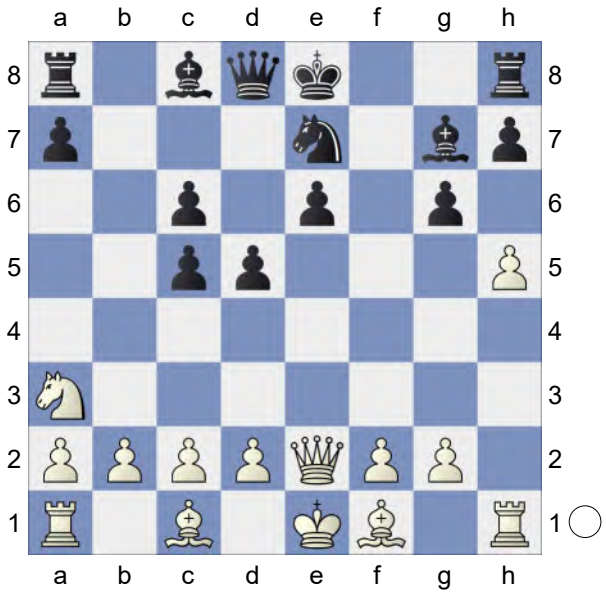
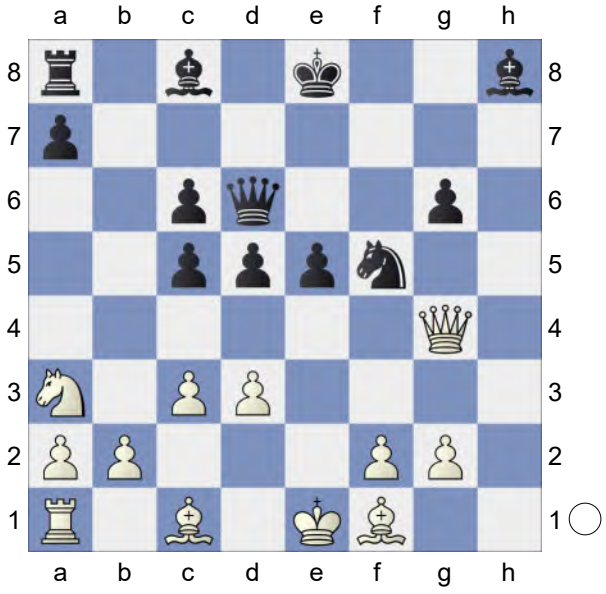


11.hxg6 hxg6 12.Rxh8+ Bxh8 13.c3 e5 14.d3 Nf5 15.Qg4 -0.45/23

[15.Bd2= 0.15/18]

15...Qd6 0.21/20

[15...Kf7∓ -0.45/23]



16.Qa4 -0.36/21

[16.Bd2!= 0.21/20]

16...Bf6 0.28/21

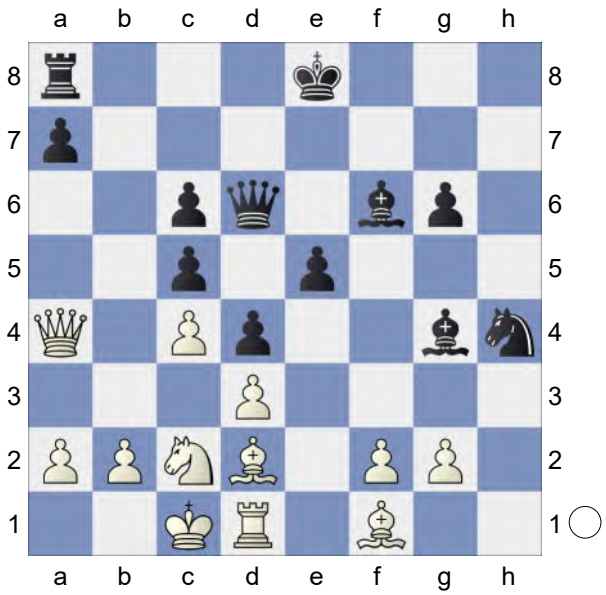
[16...Rb8!∓ -0.36/21]

17.Nc2 d4 0.72/20

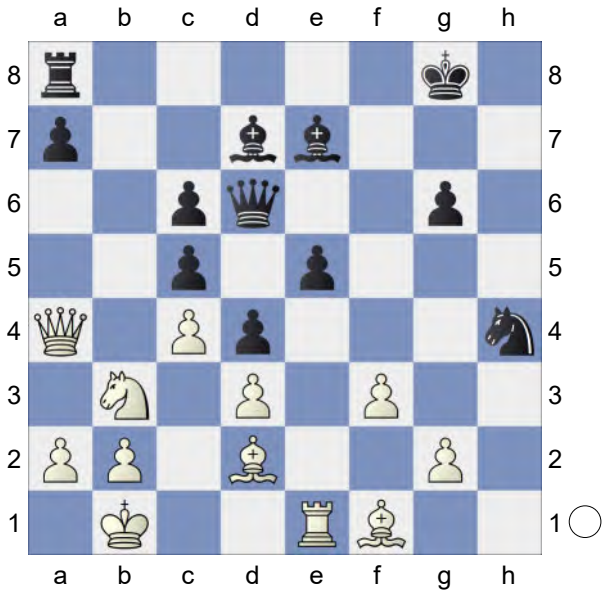
[17...Rb8= 0.10/19]

18.Bd2± Be6 19.c4 -0.12/21

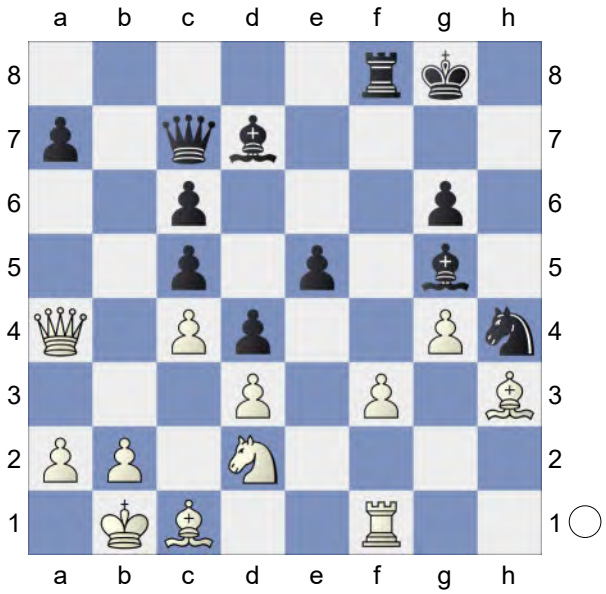
[19.0-0-0!± 0.75/19]
19...Nh4 0.71/19
[19...Rb8!= -0.12/21]
20.0-0-0 and g3 should not be overlooked **20...Bg4**



21.Re1 Kf7 22.Na1 Bd8 1.20/24
[Black should play 22...a5± 0.68/22]
23.Nb3 Be7 24.Kb1 Kg8 25.f3 1.08/22
[25.Bc1+- 1.63/21]
25...Bd7



26.Bc1 White is more active. **26...Nf5**
27.g4 0.27/21
[27.Nd2± 0.83/23]
27...Nh4 1.43/22
[27...Bh4!= 0.27/21 28.Rd1 Ne3 29.Bxe3 dxe3]
28.Nd2 Qc7 29.Bh3 1.09/23
[29.Qd1 1.54/22]
29...Rf8 30.Rf1 0.00/25
[30.Rh1± 1.24/22]
30...Bg5 0.64/22
[30...e4!= 0.00/25 31.fxe4 *(31.Nxe4 Qh2∓; 31.dxe4 Bg5∓)* 31...Qg3 32.Rxf8+ Remove Defender *(32.Qxa7 Qxd3+ 33.Ka1 Rd8=)* 32...Bxf8]



31.Ne4± Bxc1 32.Kxc1 Bc8 33.Qd1 Qf7 34.Nd2 0.00/26
[34.Nxc5 Qf4+ 35.Kb1 Nxf3= *(35...Qg3 36.Rh1=)*]
[34.Kb1± 0.80/21]
34...Qf4= 35.Rf2 -1.48/20
[35.Qa4= 0.00/26 keeps the balance.]
35...Rf7 -0.18/23
[35...e4!∓ -1.48/20 ...e3 is the strong threat. 36.dxe4 g5]

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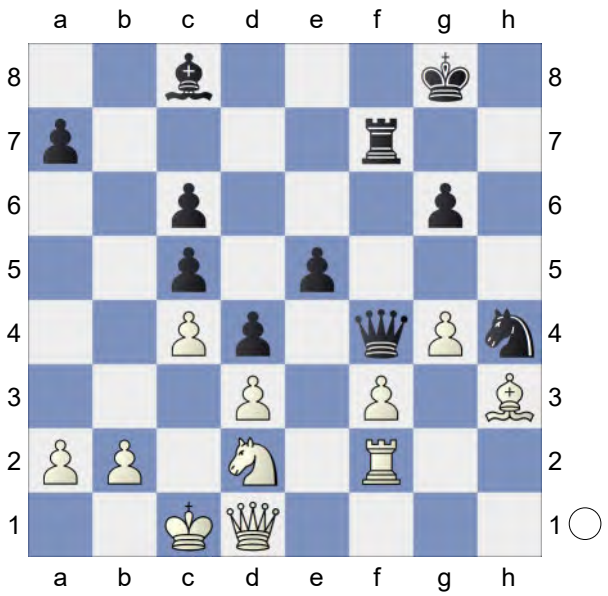
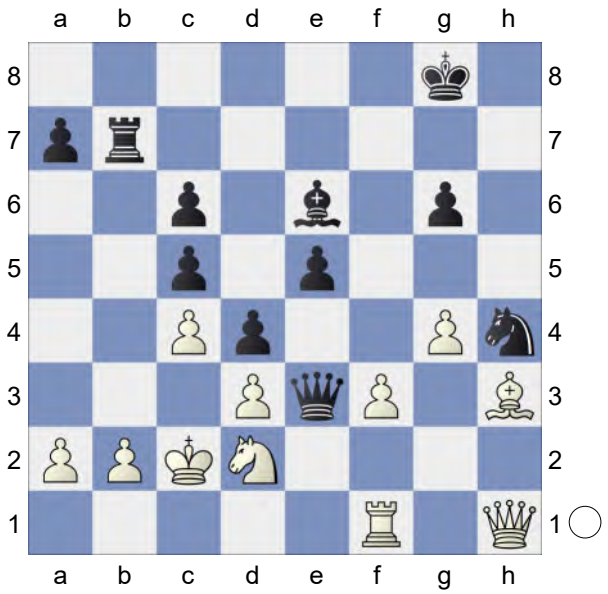


36.Kc2 Be6 37.Qe1 Qg3 38.Qf1 Qf4 39.Qh1 Qe3 40.Rf1 Rb7
[40...g5!?]



41.b3 Rh7 42.Qh2 Rf7? 1.60/24
[42...g5= 0.00/21]

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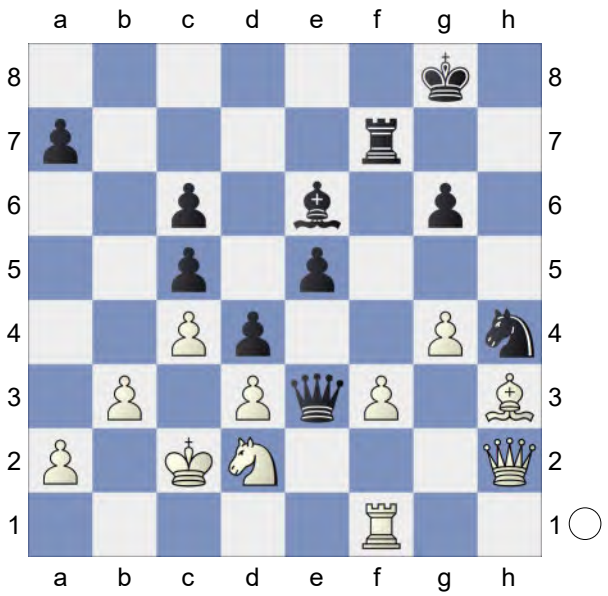
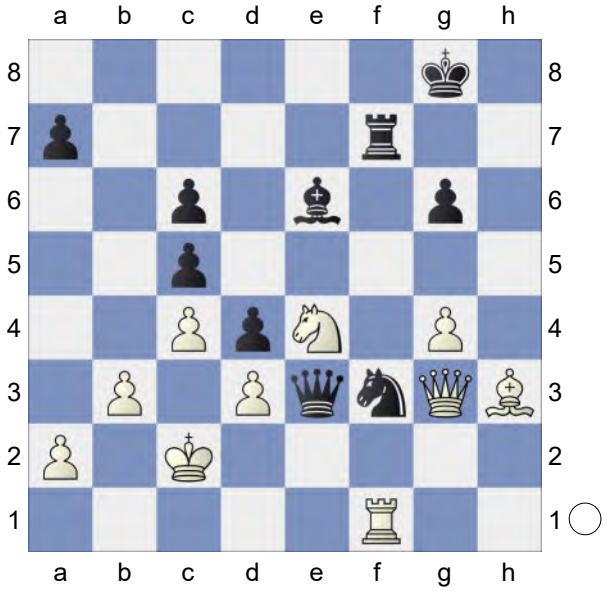


43.Qg3 0.93/22
[⌓43.g5! 1.60/24 Bxh3 44.Qxh3]
43...e4? 3.22/20 **44.Nxe4+-**
[44.Qxh4? loses. Qxd3+ 45.Kc1 Qc3+ 46.Kb1 *(46.Kd1? d3-+)* 46...Qxd2-+]
44...Nxf3



45.Bg2!
[45.Nxc5 Bxc4 46.Qb8+ *(46.bxc4 Qe2+ 47.Kb3 Nd2+ 48.Ka3 Nxf1∓)* 46...Rf8-+]
45...Bxc4

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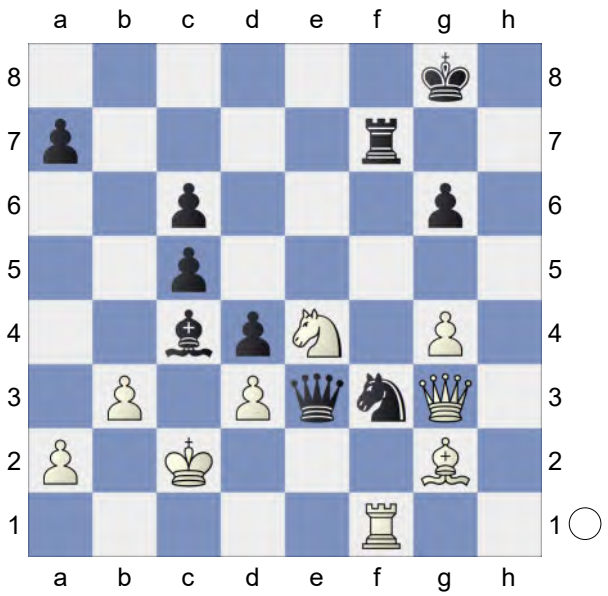


46.bxc4? 0.00/27

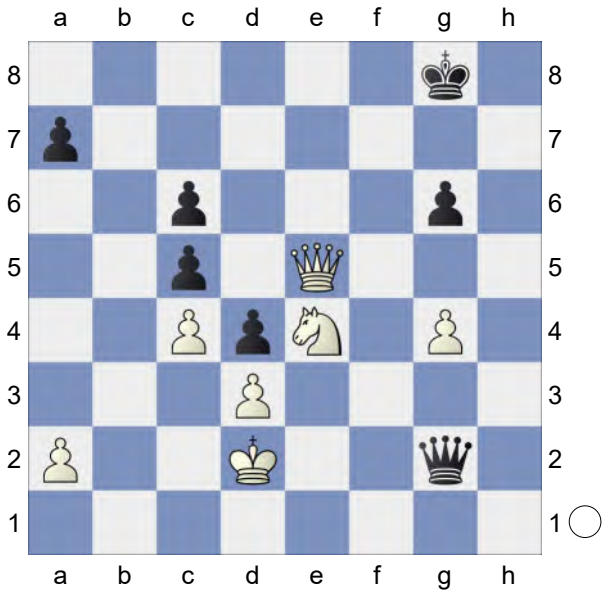
[White should play 46.Kb2+- 3.23/23]

46...Qe2+= The position is equal.

47.Kc1 Ne5↑ Discovered Attack. Black is pushing. **48.Qxe5 Rxf1+ 49.Bxf1 Qxf1+ 50.Kd2**

[50.Kc2!? Qe2+□ 51.Kc1 Qe1+ 52.Kc2 *(52.Kb2 Qe2+ 53.Kc1 Qe1+ 54.Kb2 Qe2+ 55.Kc1=)* 52...Qe2+=]

50...Qg2+



51.Ke1 Qg1+ 52.Ke2 Qe3+ 53.Kd1 Threatening mate with Qe8+. **53...Qf3+! 54.Ke1**

[54.Kc2!? Qe2+□ 55.Kc1 Qe1+ 56.Kb2 Qe2+ 57.Ka1 *(57.Kc1 Qe1+ 58.Kc2 Qe2+ 59.Kc1=)* 57...Qe1+ 58.Kb2=]

54...Qe3+

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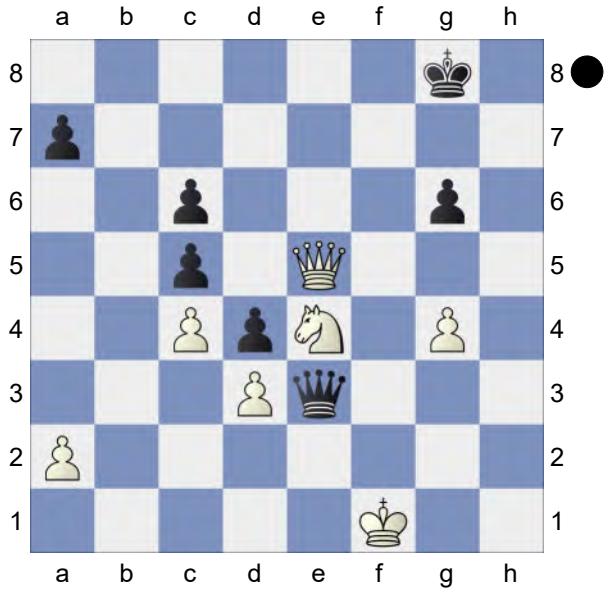
55.Kf1

[55.Kd1!? Qf3+□ 56.Ke1 Qe3+ 57.Kd1=]



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